

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

The Heart of Mary - Highly Favored

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"The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.'" (Luke 1:28)

This spoken blessing into her life did not come from abroad, but from the very throne of God and the term "highly favored" (kecharitomene) is an active verb meaning "endued with divine grace to the full." Mary was highly favored to be the natural mother of Jesus Christ. Christians through being born again are highly favored by God to have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of Christ living in them. Having Christ as Savior and Lord is the greatest Christmas present that anyone can ever receive.

The idea worth grasping here is that God has extended His favor or grace to all born again Christians in Christ just as He did Mary. Mary was the bearer of the physical Son of God, He being God in the flesh - Christians have the Holy Spirit of Christ living in them. Romans 8:9 says, "And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ." The same chapter

says if you have Christ living in you, you have eternal life.

Mary had to believe the Word of God spoken to her was truth worth grasping. Her heart after God enabled her to receive di-

vine revelation that was full of explanation and promise. The truth worth grasping for Mary was and is for us, "The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28) These are the very words that came

from the angel of the Lord who appeared to Gideon who said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." (Judges 6:12) This is the very promise made to soldiers of Christ we read about in the Book of Matthew in the giving of the Great Commission. Jesus said, "... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20) The word "always" (pantos) means continually and forever with us in our work with the Lord and in everything involved in our lives. Jesus will not leave us to do the work of God or to live out our lives down here all alone depending only on man's flesh. He is literally involved in everything that affects our human lives and souls. What greater truth is worth meditating upon this Christmas season?

Christians who grasp this truth live a life like that of Mary, believing the Word of the Lord, enquiring for revelation through the written Word and walking in the favor of God.

Choose to Have This Heart in Christ!



Climbing a mountain takes skill, physical fitness, and determination. Harsh weather, lack of oxygen, and exhaustion may face the climber who dares to face the silent majesty of extreme heights. Like a mountain climb, a journey in faith has its struggles; God's ways are not always easy to comprehend. Obstacles thrown in our path may make us falter and fail, but He gives us new strength with every new difficulty. Seek His strength and refuge at your house of worship this week.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Jeremiah	Malachi	Malachi	Mark	John	John	John
33.1-26	3.1-18	4.1-6	1.1-13	1.19-34	1.35-51	2.1-12

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• PUBLIC NOTICE • RESOLUTION NO. 113

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RESOLUTION NO. 113 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORCATUR, KANSAS

- November 22, 2011, notice was given to Gust Foth asking him to abate motor vehicle nuisances located at 504 E. Olathe in the City of Norcatour, Kansas.
- No response has been received to such notice and no request for hearing has been made and the motor vehicle nuisance has not been abated.
- The public officer or other agents of the City shall abate the aforesaid motor vehicle nuisance at the expiration of ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution.
- The costs of the City in abating this motor vehicle nuisance shall be assessed against the lot or parcel of ground upon which the nuisance is located, as provided by Ordinance #258.
- Service of a copy of this Resolution shall be as provided in Section 10 of Ordinance #258.
- Vehicles shall be disposed of in accordance with K.S.A. 8-1102. ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Norcatour, Kansas this 5th day of December, 2011.

CITY OF NORCATUR, KANSAS
 Carl Lyon, Mayor

ATTEST: (SEAL)
 Deb Marshall, City Clerk

• PUBLIC NOTICE • RESOLUTION NO. 114

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RESOLUTION NO. 114 A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH A HEARING DATE ON THE MATTER OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES THAT MAY BE UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS

- WHEREAS Norcatour City Ordinance 260, et seq, provides a procedure for ordering the repair or removal of dangerous structures; and,
- WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has filed a statement with the governing body pursuant to said ordinance declaring that the structure at 112 N. Dexter in the City of Norcatour is unsafe or dangerous;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORCATUR, KANSAS, that:
- Section 1:** A hearing date of February 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. is hereby set for the owner(s) of 112 N. Dexter, or any agent, lienholder or occupant of such structure to appear and show cause why said structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.
- Section 2:** This notice shall be published one each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper. At least 30 days shall elapse after its last publication and the date set for the hearing.
- Section 3:** A copy of this resolution shall be mailed within three days after its first publication to the owner, agent, lienholder and/or occupant at their last known place of residence and shall be marked as "deliver to addressee only."
- APPROVED BY the Governing Body on this 5th day of December, 2011

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