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Blessed Art Thou Among Women!!!

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"BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN!!!--Lk. 1:42.

Virtually every human being, female, as well as male, aspires to be something GREAT or do something GREAT. Fulfilling. Satisfying. CAN!

A SUPPOSE for females: Suppose Jesus had not been born yet. God is looking for a mother for His Son on earth. Would He choose YOU? COULD God choose you. Needed: The very best!

QUOTE: "As the mother of Jesus Christ, MARY, stands apart from ALL women in history. In art, music, and literature she has become the embodiment of all that is FINE and NOBLE in womanhood. No woman in the entire history of the world has been so honored and revered. The world's most majestic poems, novels, and plays have had Mary and her Son as their central figures. Through the centuries the most triumphant hymns and the best-loved carols, lullabies and folk songs have told of her pre-eminence among women."

(All the women of the Bible, p.156-157.)

Lesson: What qualities and virtues made Mary such a wonderful person. Possible today???

I. MARY, THE MIRACLE MOTHER!

A. Jesus already had a FATHER: (in heaven) so all that was needed was an earthly mother.
B. Virgin Birth: one of top three miracles. 
   1. Creation. 2. Resurrection. 3. V. Birth.
C. * Luke 1:26-35. When Mary was told!
D. * Matt.1:18-25. When Joseph was told!
E. Only a VIRGIN would do. Without blemish!! 
   1. All sacrifices must be spotless. Ex.12:5.
   2. Mary gladly"sacrificed"her life and body for THE SON OF GOD. Lk. 2:35.

F. QUESTION: Is there a field of girls left today, FROM WHICH God could find a virgin, to bear the Christ-child?
   1. Over 600,000 unwed mothers annually. Pure?
   2. Abortions numbered in the MILLIONS!!! Pure?
   3. How many million ADULTRESSES who do not "get caught" nor need an abortion??? OUT!

   GOD: COULD GOD USE ANY OF THESE TO BEAR HIS SON? TODAY?? Disqualified!!!

*MS= free love, communal living, aband. home!
II. GREAT CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREAT MOTHER.

A. YOUNG BUT STRONG.
1. Mary lived in INFAMOUS NAZARETH where human castaways and criminals hung out. Immorality was rampant. Sins Great!!
2. Jewish girls normally married by the age of 12, 13 or 14. MARY HAD NOT.
3. Speculation: Age was 20 yrs. or UNDER!!!
4. SITUATION: Serious, pious and pure young Jewish girl in a scandalous city!!

CONCLUSION: * I Cor. 6:19-20 CAN have today!!!

B. HUMBLE & FAITHFUL.
2. *Lk. 1:46-50. All glory to God.

Mary was nearly 54 years old. (Ave. age of women at this time in Pales. 39 yrs.

She had seen her Son victorious at Cana.
She had seen Him victorious at Bethesda.
She saw Him Hanging DEAD on the Cross.
She saw Him WRAPPED and BURIED in tomb.
She also saw Him UNWRAPPED after Resurrection.

CONCLUSIONS:
1. Regardless of sinful-world, Mary was a pure Mother. Girls today CAN BE--If Want To Be !!
2. Mary was blessed above women for her sweetness, sincerity, spirituality and devotion to God.

INV: MEN & WOMEN in sin today CAN BENEFIT FROM THE LIFE OF MARY OF NAZARETH.

She helped God bring you a Savior. J. 3:16.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OR SISTERS who have failed the Lord in their life, can overcome their past faults and be forgiven.
Jas. 5:16. 

IDENTIFY:

More today than to have those closest to her at peace with God!