## Blessed is She that Believed

Faith is a brilliant jewel that adorns the character of Mary. Through faith, she received the unique blessing of becoming the mother of the Lord according to the flesh. "Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord."

It could not have been easy for the young Jewish woman to accept the angel's message that she would conceive a son. How could that be? What would Joseph, her espoused husband, think? Will he put her away? Will she be disgraced among her people? And how was it possible that a virgin should conceive?

Despite many questions and uncertainties, Mary believed God's message. She may not have understood everything, but this she knew for certain: God is trustworthy and He is able to do what He promised. "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

We are faced with a similar decision. God's Word comes to us promising salvation to those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. "For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." And again, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." All sorts of questions immediately arise in our minds. How could that be? I am a great sinner! I am unworthy! I have no merits!

To such objections, faith responds: My guilt is great; greater still is the grace of God. I have nothing to offer to God, but I will cling onto the cross of Christ, His Son. God has promised that whoever believes in Jesus will be saved and I am fully persuaded that He is able to fulfill what He had promised. Therefore I shall trust in the Lord Jesus for my salvation. I rely completely on Him. Lord, my soul is in Your hands!

Blessed are we who believe, for God will most certainly keep his Word and save us.