Opening Your Heart’s Door to God’s Plans

Luke 1: 26-38

I. God has plans for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people. [vs. 26 and 27]

A. Here was a young woman who had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ name.

B. The village where Mary lived was the object of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [John 1:46]

- please note: God consistently has picked out ordinary people for His call to fulfil His plans.

II. God’s plans take precedence over \_\_\_\_ plans [vs. 27]

A. Mary was a young woman in the process of making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plans.

B. She was going about her daily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when there was a knock on the door.

III. God’s plans are accompanied by a sense of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. [vs. 28]

- when God comes to ordinary people - like you and me - He comes personally affirming grace and with a sense of His presence

IV. God-size plans leave us with God-size \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. [vss. 31-34]

A. What God wants to bring about begins with Him.

B. The disclosure of what God has in mind is specific enough to cause us to \_\_\_ in faith.

When God speaks to us we hear specifically enough what He plans to do with us - that we ask major questions in that battle of the mind and heart

- not based on ‘lack of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ but rather ‘battle of \_\_\_\_\_.’

V. God’s plans need to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ upon.

A. Mary willingly accepted her assignment in spite of her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. What would God have done if she had closed the door in His face?

The question becomes then

- when God comes to you with His plan involving you

- that plan must be \_\_\_\_\_\_ upon

- because otherwise, He would not come to you.

Conclusion:

This morning I invite you during this advent time to more specifically open your heart’s door .... to God’s plans.