Christmas Questions

Are You Truly Blessed and Highly Favored?

Luke 1:26-35

**I. The Mary Perspective**

 1. Mary saw blessing in what God was \_\_\_\_\_\_ her and doing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Mary saw blessing in what God \_\_\_\_\_\_ to her.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. Mary saw blessing in the reality that God alone is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *There is nothing in the first Christmas Carol about her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**II. The Jesus Perspective**

 1. Those who are truly blessed and highly favored \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus would.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Those who are truly blessed and highly favored have gone through some serious \_\_\_\_\_\_ of life.

 Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*"Everybody wants resurrection power, but nobody wants to die." — Unknown*

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*"True blessing and favor exist when you can say it is well with my soul in spite of the circumstances of life."*

*— Bishop Collins*

*There is a road to blessing and it is not always \_\_\_\_\_\_.*

 *The James 1:12 blessing:*

 1) We must \_\_\_\_\_\_ through trials.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2) We must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3) We receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. The Conclusion of the Matter**

 1. Without understanding true blessing we \_\_\_\_ Christmas.

 2. Without understanding true blessing we will return to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_.

 3. Without understanding true blessing we miss the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas brings to us.