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Christmas 101 –pt1 "Christmas Questions"

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- **Proclamation**
 - (Word)
- **Preparation**
 - (Wait)
- **Presentation**
 - (Work)
- **Principle**
 - (Will)

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One Day Soon- He Will Use Gabriel Again to Announce...

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3rd- She Believed – 1:45

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- **The PROMISES of God ... *God would send the Messiah.***
- **The POWER of God ... *to Do what He had PROMISED.***
- **Giving PRAISE to God – 1:47**
- **Fulfilling Her Purpose –Lineage**
...to Produce / Carry the Seed

God is Looking for Willing Vessels Today to Carry His Seed
“VISION”

Matthew 1:18-21 (KJV)

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God is Still Looking for Someone Willing...

**...to Take the Bumps / Bruises
...And Protect His Seed!!!
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It Goes Deep Within Our Hearts...

...Lived Out Daily in Our Lives