

**(NEW TESTAMENT)**

**ELIZABETH—GOD'S ENCOURAGER**

**After Gabriel an angel, brought a message to Mary, that she would beget God's son  
Her predominant thought was to be used for God's purpose, allowing His will to be done**

**Freely responding, her answer came quickly, "May it be as You have said."**

**Without hesitation, or thought of dire trouble, that lay on her path ahead.**

**Perhaps she found strength, way beyond measure, when about Elizabeth was told**

**Childless and old, a babe now expecting; a blessing from God to behold**

**When it comes to God, nothing is impossible, Gabriel's words and meaning now clear**

**Possessing great assurance, Mary now knew, her Lord would always be near.**

**Miracle of all miracles, this incredible moment, so improbable for others to believe**

**Where could she go? With whom could she share this blessing she did receive?**

**Mary got ready and went with haste, to the place where Elizabeth did live**

**She above all, 6 months with child, her blessing would surely give.**

**"Mother of my Lord," Elizabeth's kind greeting, told Mary she already knew**

**Her relative's encouragement, to Mary confirmed, what had transpired in her life was true**

**That we all need encouragement, is a well know fact, that fuels the spirit anew**

**So let us to others, offer fresh hope, today and our whole lives through.**



(“Mary and Elizabeth” painted by Doris Cox)

**Luke 1: 42**

**In a loud voice, she exclaimed, “Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the child you will bear.**