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The Blessings Of <u>His</u> Words

LUKE 11:27-28 NKJV – (27) And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" (28) But He said, "<u>More than that,</u> blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Notice in verse (28) Jesus says to the woman, "<u>More than</u> <u>that</u>." This has the sense of "Yes, but rather....." While not denying the holiness of Mary, Christ did not allow any tendency to elevate Mary as an object of reverence. Mary's relationship to Him as His physical mother did not convene on her any greater honor than the blessedness of those who hear and obey the word of God. God always promises to bless joyful obedience. We delight His heart when we choose to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to do what He commands us to do.

JAMES 1:22 sums it up by saying, "(22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

1 JOHN 24-27

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The love of Jesus, can't do without.

SCRIPTURE READING