

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Luke 1:39-56

#1: The Need for Fellowship (1:39-40)

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

#2: The Joy of Redemption (1:41-45)

⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

#3: The Song of Worship (1:46-55)

Hannah (1 Sam 2)	Mary (Luke 1)
¹ "My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.	⁴⁶ "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
² There is none holy like the Lord:	⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength.	⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.	⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

God's Grace (1:46-49)

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

B. God's Ways (1:50-53)

⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

C. God's Promises (1:54-55)

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

The Spurge:

“So then, to conclude, **here is something for every child of God to do.** You can all magnify the Lord, and you may all rejoice in Him. You cannot all preach. If you could, who would there be to hear you? If all were preachers, where would be the hearers? But you can all praise God. If there is any brother or sister here who has only one talent, let not such a one say, “I cannot do anything.” You can magnify the Lord.... To be happy in him is to praise God. The mere fact of our **being happy in the Lord makes music in His ears.** If you are one of his children, you can be happy in him, so get out of those doleful dumps; cast out that spirit of murmuring and complaint which so often possesses you. Pray the Lord to help you shake off your natural tendency to look on the dark side of everything, and say, ‘No, no; I must not do that. After all, I am not on the road to hell; I am on the way to heaven; and this world is the waiting room to heaven, so my soul shall magnify the Lord, and my spirit shall rejoice in God my Savior.’”