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Luke 1:39-56 NKJV ... Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." 46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, 55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever." 56 And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

CHRISTMAS IS A ...

1. Psychological Revolution.

a) Changes The Way We See Ourselves

- Luke 1:46-49 NKJV ... And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me.
- Ephesians 2:1-3 NKJV ... And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others
- Ephesians 2:12 NKJV ... that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- **Romans 5:10** NKJV ... For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
- Romans 7:24-25 NKJV ... O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!
- Isaiah 6:5 NKJV ... "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips...
- Luke 1:47 NKJV ... And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant...

b) Changes How God Sees Us

• Luke 2:48 NKJV ... For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

Notes:

2. Sociological Revolution – changes the way we see others.

- Luke 1:50-53 NKJV ... And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty.
- Galatians 3:28-29 NKJV ... There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus
- Matthew 1:3 NKJV ...Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar...
- Matthew 1:6 NKJV ... and Jesse begot David the king.
- Matthew 1:6 b NKJV ... David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.

3. Theological Revolution – changes the way we see God.

- Luke 1:54-55 NKJV ... He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, 55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."
- Genesis 50:20 NKJV ... But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.
- Luke 1:46-47 NKJV ... And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name