

Mary's Song: The Magnificat

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The Magnificat

Mary has been visited by the angel who has announced to her the surreal news concerning her being chosen to become the mother of the promised messiah of Israel, the Son of God, the savior of the world. Accepting all that the angel declared to her by faith, Mary rushes to share the news with her cousin Elizabeth, who has some exciting news to share as well.

Mary, whose heart is so filled with praise, bursts out in a song of worship which has come to be known as The Magnificat.

Luke 1:46–55 (ESV)

⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. ⁵⁰And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate. ⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Lk. 1:46 “My soul magnifies the Lord”

– as one would enlarge or blow up a picture; to greatly honor & praise (Glorifies; exalts; extols)

Lk. 1:47 “My spirit rejoices in God my Savior”

– He come to save her (Mary), Israel, and all who would fear Him from generation to generation.
Jesus saves today!

Whom did God Choose?

Lk. 1:48 “He has looked on the humble estate of His servant.”

This young girl, Mary, had no nobility to claim. She was of little means, as indicated by the sacrifice brought to offer at the temple, following Jesus’ circumcision (two turtledoves instead of a lamb).

Whom does God Choose?

1 Corinthians 1:26–27 (NASB95) ²⁶For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

As my favorite Christmas song says, “Long lay the world in sin and error pining, ‘til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth!!!”

Lk. 1:51-53

- *He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts and brought down the mighty from their thrones*
- *He has exalted those of humble estate.*
- *He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.”*

God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. (James) “Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.” (Jesus) God humbled

God Humbled Himself

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NASB95) ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

May our heart become like Mary's. May we magnify the Lord and rejoice in Him, our savior!!!