Mary's Song

Luke 1:46-56

Song is the believers natural **response** to God!

Psalm 40:2-3: He brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth - <u>Praise to our God</u>; Many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

Old Testament - Hallelujah! (Halal - to shine, boast, rave, glory, celebrate)

New Testament - Worship - proskuneo (toward and kiss)

Ephesians 5:18-19: And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in <u>psalms</u> and <u>hymns</u> and <u>spiritual songs</u>, <u>singing</u> and <u>making melody in your heart to the Lord</u>.

Colossians 3:16: Let the <u>word of Christ</u> dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in <u>psalms</u> and <u>hymns</u> and <u>spiritual songs</u>, <u>singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord</u>.

Mary was so immersed in Scripture that when she responds to God in praise, the words that come naturally to her lips are the Words of Scripture, similar to Hannah's song. Mary alluded to at least 12 Old Testament passages.

Luke 1:46: And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord."

Exalts, glorifies, makes great. Spontaneous!

Luke 1:47: And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Mary's worship was rising from deep within her soul and her spirit! (Bible: we are Body, Soul, and Spirit)

Only **sinners** need a <u>Savior</u>. Here we learn that Mary was a **sinner** like all the rest of us, in need of rescue, a <u>Savior</u>.

It's not until you recognize you're a **sinner** that you'll see your need for a Savior!

Luke 1:48: For He has regarded the <u>lowly state</u> of His <u>maidservant</u>; For behold, henceforth <u>all generations</u> will call me <u>blessed</u>.

2x maidservant - what an example Mary is!

Luke 1:49: For He who is <u>mighty</u> has done <u>great things</u> for me, and <u>holy</u> is His name.

great things lead us to Praise Him!

holy - Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4 (heavenly worship)

Luke 1:50: And His <u>mercy</u> is on those who <u>fear</u> Him from <u>generation</u> to <u>generation</u>.

<u>Mercy</u> - God is compassionate toward the misery and consequences of sin, and toward failures.

- Beginning of wisdom: fear God (Proverbs 9:10 and Job 28:28)
- True to all generations
- Do you **fear** God?

Luke 1:51: He has shown <u>strength</u> with His <u>arm</u>; He has scattered the <u>proud</u> in the <u>imagination</u> of their hearts.

The heavens are the work of the Lord's fingers - Psalm 8.

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (Luke 1:48: "lowly state").

Luke 1:52: He has <u>put down the mighty</u> from their <u>thrones</u>, and <u>exalted the lowly</u>. (Twice in verse 48: "lowly state.")

Thrones - Egyptian, Babylonian, Persians, Greeks, Romans

Lowly - that He might receive all the glory

Luke 1:53: He has <u>filled</u> the <u>hungry</u> with <u>good things</u>, and the <u>rich</u> He has sent away <u>empty</u>.

Beatitudes

Luke 1:54: He has <u>helped</u> His servant Israel, in remembrance of His <u>mercy</u>.

God is a God that <u>helps</u> his people when they turn to him for **mercy**! (Psalm 46:1)

Luke 1:55: As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Jesus has been God's plan from the first book of the Bible!

Luke 1:56: And Mary remained with <u>her</u> about three months, and returned to her house.