

THE Hope OF  
Christmas

Luke 1:46-55  
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***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.***

Luke 1:46-55



***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;***

Luke 1:46-55



***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  
offspring forever.”***

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The Christmas narrative  
does not begin  
with the birth of Christ.

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True obedience  
is a grateful response  
to the goodness of God.

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**Mary has great hope  
because of the reality of God.**



A God-centered life

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***I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.***

Isaiah 42:8



*For my name's sake I defer my anger; for the sake of my praise I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off. <sup>10</sup> Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction.*

Isaiah 48:9-11



***11 For my own sake, for my own sake,  
I do it, for how should my name  
be profaned? My glory I will not  
give to another.***

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*Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy,  
and I will praise you with the lyre,  
O God, my God.*

Psalm 43:4



Monday Morning Application:  
Get happy in God.

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**Mary has great hope  
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It was God's grace,  
not Mary's character  
that made her God's choice.

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Jesus Christ is  
the only way to the Father.

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Monday Morning Application:  
Have you placed your trust  
in the finished work of  
Jesus Christ?

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**Mary has great hope because God helps the humble.**

**Mary has great hope  
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## **Hannah** (1 Samuel 2)

Verse 1

*My heart exults in the  
Lord; I rejoice in thy  
salvation.*

## **Mary** (Luke 1)

Verse 46f

*My soul magnifies the  
Lord; my spirit rejoices in  
God my Savior.*



## **Hannah** (1 Samuel 2)

Verse 2

*There is none holy like  
the Lord.*

## **Mary** (Luke 1)

Verse 49

*Holy is his name.*



## **Hannah** (1 Samuel 2)

Verse 4

*The bows of the  
mighty are broken  
but the feeble gird  
on strength.*

## **Mary** (Luke 1)

Verse 52

*He has put down the  
mighty from their  
thrones, and exalted  
those of low degree.*



## **Hannah** (1 Samuel 2)

Verse 5

*Those who were full  
have hired themselves  
out for bread, but  
those who were  
hungry have ceased  
to hunger.*

## **Mary** (Luke 1)

Verse 53

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