

Songs of Christmas ~ Mary's Song ~12/03/2023 Luke 1:46-55

Big Idea

Mary sang, "My soul magnifies the Lord..." We all magnify something.

Getting Started

What is your favorite Christmas song?

While Mary's song is not one of our Christmas carols, it is the original Christmas song.

Learn

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A Song of Praise

And Mary said, "My soul **magnifies** the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior (Luke 1:46-47)

What you magnify becomes your song. What is Mary's song?

What is your song?

A Song of Protest

• God Gathers The Helpless But Scatters The Proud

Those who fear Him ... He has shown strength with His arm; He has **scattered the proud** (Luke 1:50-51)

• God Exalts The Humble But Brings Down The Mighty

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate (Luke 1:52)

• God Fills The <u>Hungry</u> But Sends Away The Rich He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. (Luke 1:53)

Who is God for in Mary's song?

Who is God against in these verses?

Mary's song is a protest song against the philosophy of this world. The Christmas season is a protest against the ideas of this world. Instead of magnifying wealth and power, we help the poor and weak.

Where is your hope? Is your hope in wealth or power or in Jesus?

A Song of **Promise**

He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, **as He spoke** to our fathers, to Abraham, and to His offspring forever."(Luke 1:54-55)

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; **let it be** with me **according to your word**." (Luke 1:35,38)

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Mary believed in God's word. Will you?

Apply

What do you magnify?

When the powerful of this world mistreat you, where do you turn?

From Mary's song, is God for you or against you?

What is your song?

If the Holy Spirit shows you that you are on the wrong side of this protest song, you don't have to stay there. There is hope! This is a song of promise! God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to save the world (John 3:17). God sent Jesus to save you from your sins. Turn away from your sins and turn to God. Ask Him to forgive you. He will forgive you and change you.

Pray

Father, thank You for Your love for us and for the whole world. Teach us to sing like Mary, to magnify Your name. May our actions and attitudes show the world the true meaning of Christmas. Amen.