

Sermon Text: Luke 1:39-56
Sermon Title: The Nature of True Praise

Main Point: To show the nature of true praise.

True praise is:

1. A gift from God (41, 46; John 3:27; James 1:17; 1 Corinthians 4:7; Luke 11:11-13)

2. Saturated by God's Word (42-43, 45, 46-55, 32-33; John 16:8; 2 Peter 1:21)

LUKE 1	1 SAMUEL 2
46, 47, "My soul magnifies the LORD"	1, "My heart exults in the LORD..."
47, "my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."	1, "I rejoice in your salvation."
49, "he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name."	2, ""There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
51, "He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;	3, "Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;" 4, "The bows of the mighty are broken;" 9, "the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail."
53, "he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty."	5, "Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger."

3. God-centered (46-55; Psalm 115:8, Ecclesiastes 7:10)

Quotes:

"We are beggars. This is true." - Martin Luther

"The acid test of biblical God-centeredness - and faithfulness to the gospel - is this: do you feel more loved because God makes much of you, or because, at the cost of His son, he enables you to enjoy making much of Him forever? Does your happiness hang on seeing the cross of Christ as a witness to **your** worth or [does your happiness hang on seeing the cross of Christ] as a way to enjoy **God's worth** forever?" (God is the Gospel, 11, 12).