

## 049 "The Magnificat"

Luke 1:46-55

Christmas is remarkable.  
The time when God came near.

- God walked w/ Adam (sin separated)
- God showed up at Exodus (golden calf threatened)
- Israel lost presence during the kings (Ichabod)

After exile

- Temple rebuilt, but still no glory (only a promise)  
(Haggai 2:1-9)

But then - 480 yrs of silence

But now God has intervened

(Luke 1:26-37)

The Glory is returning  
to Israel

- Mary went to see Elizabeth (1:39-45)
- ⊕ God's promise was CONFIRMED

SO HERE IS MARY'S RESPONSE - PRAISE

A Doxology → when the activity of God literally overwhelms

### HIS UNMERITED FAVOR

- ① Sincerity of Mary's worship (46-47)  
"My soul" - "My spirit"

3 kinds of worship

- Iddatry - worship wrong thing
- Hypocrisy - true God in a wrong way
  - see this problem often (purely external)
  - disobedience (Uzza & the ark 1 Chron 13)
- Sincerity - what Mary did  
(John 4:23-24)

- ② Purpose of Mary's Worship (46-47)  
"exalts" - to magnify.

- Mary wanted God to look good

- ③ Object of Mary's worship (46-47)  
"The Lord"

- ④ Reason for Mary's worship: God's UNMERITED FAVOR (48)

- God's favor would be obvious to all (49-50)

46 And Mary said:

"My soul exalts the Lord,  
(magnifies) — (Latin: Magnificat)

47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

48 "For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant;

ΕΠΙΒΛΕΨΩ = "to look on with favor"  
(Luke 9:38)

For behold, from this time on all generations will count me

blessed. (not the blesser)

49 "For the Mighty One has done great things for me;

And holy is His name.

It is what God did  
for her.

- ⊕ Mary is overwhelmed with God's favor  
toward her - the result is PRAISE

So Mary is overwhelmed by God's unmerited favor  
that's not all

## HIS UNENDING FORBEARANCE

Mary is quoting Ps 103:17

Turn to: Psalm 103

50 "AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION

TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

You recognize this Psalm as  
a tribute to God's compassion  
and forbearance. (vs. 103:8-14)

It leads up to (15-18) → This is what Mary quotes  
(impressive for a 13yr old with no Bible)

Furthermore — Mary saw this as a present reality

"is upon"

⊛ SHE NOW KNEW IT TO BE TRUE

Mary knew if God was willing to use her, then  
He must be merciful like the Psalm says

→ God proves this over & over

- Look at Mary (13 yr old from Nazareth)
- Look at Disciples
- Look at Paul (chief of sinners)
- Look in the mirror

GOD MUST BE MERCIFUL !!

PSALM 103 MUST BE TRUE !

The fact overwhelmed  
Mary → Doxology

# HIS UNORTHODOX FUNCTION

(i.e. - He does strange + peculiar things)

(Is. 55:8-9)

Certainly it is true - (past tense)

All of these deeds are  
peculiar by man's estimation

~~For that reason:~~

As far as that goes

- So is God becoming human
- So is the Messiah submitting to death

- flood, Red Sea, Goliath, etc.
- 51 "He has done mighty deeds with His arm;
- He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart.  
↳ Nebuchadnezzar
- 52 "He has brought down rulers from their thrones,  
↳ Saul
- And has exalted those who were humble.  
↳ David
- 53 "HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS;  
And sent away the rich empty-handed.

"How many kings stepped down from their thrones? How many Lords have abandoned their homes? How many greats have become the least for me? How Gods have poured out their hearts to romance a world that is torn all apart? How many fathers gave up their sons for me?"

→ God certainly does some unorthodox things

PRaise GOD HE DOES!

- Many was overwhelmed with it - Doxology

His Unmerited Favor - His UNENDING FORBEARANCE - His UNORTHODOX FUNCTION

## HIS UNFAILING FAITHFULNESS — God did what He said.

54 "He has given help to Israel His servant,

Many rejoiced because all those  
promises were fulfilled!

In remembrance of His mercy, → God remembered

55 As He spoke to our fathers,

To Abraham and his descendants forever."

- Eve's seed (your seed will crush...)
- Abraham's seed
- Isaiah's "child born to us"

↳ Those were all promises, now fulfilled!

⊛ Mary was overwhelmed — Doxology

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The reality of Christmas → ought to produce worship/praise  
(the true God in the right way)

⊛ The very least we can do is praise God  
for doing this very strange thing

He became flesh and dwelt among us!

(Luke 1: 46-55)