

# Humility That Gains the Victory Part-2

## The Humility of Jesus' Mother Gains the Victory

**SFLB** "Introduction to Luke" "Jesus...*Friend of Outcasts*. Jesus is consistently gracious to society's rejected ones. His attitude toward women in a patriarchal age is ...affirming and sensitive (Luke 7:44-46; 13:16)." Let's look @ Mary's Song:

**SFLB note:** "Mary's song (the Magnificat) is taken from the song of Hannah (1 Sam. 2:1-10) in a similar condition of miraculous birth. In Jewish prophecy, new messages are often elaborations of former revelations, with new meaning & application."

**The Song of Mary - Luke 1:46-55 TPT** (Mary's humility while visiting with Elizabeth for three months while carrying Jesus in her womb.) "*And Mary sang this song: My soul is ecstatic, overflowing with praises to God! 47. My spirit bursts with joy over my life-giving God (NKJV: "God my Savior." TPT note: "Or "Savior." The first recorded person to call Jesus Savior was His mother, Mary. She rejoices in God not simply as her Creator, but as Life Giver and Savior.")! 48. For He set His tender gaze upon me, His lowly servant girl (TPT note "The Aramaic text is "He set His gaze upon the willingness of His mother.").* And from here on, everyone will know that I have been favored and blessed. 49. The Mighty One has worked a mighty miracle for me; holy is His name! 50. Mercy kisses all who fear Him, from one generation to the next (Psa. 103:17 & 111:9 quotes). 51. Mighty power flows from Him to scatter all those who walk in pride. 52. Powerful princes He tears from their thrones and He lifts up the lowly to take their place. 53. Those who hunger for Him will always be filled, but the smug and self-satisfied He will send away empty (Psa. 107:9 quote). 54. Because He can never forget to show mercy, He has helped His chosen servant, Israel, 55. keeping His promises to Abraham and to His descendants forever." **TPT note:** "Mary understood by revelation

that the Christ child would fulfill the promises of mercy that God gave to Abraham (Gen. 22:16-18). We, too, need the Spirit of Revelation.

\*Mary's declaration of motherhood begins here with a song in her heart for God's honoring of her in her humble state.

\*She is a mother who is a woman of the word (v. 50). The Word of God flows out of her before the Living Word is born from her!

\*Mary had the unique experience of encountering the Lord at the most intimate level of experience (conception) & is inspired to share with us her love for God and Who He is.

\*Mary knows that humility is the key to a walk of intimacy with God & that it produces fruitfulness & abundant joy.

\*She was a woman/a mother who was filled with the Spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of God with the eyes of her understanding being enlightened as in **Eph. 1:17**. It is God's will that we all participate in this blessed endowment of H.S.!

### **Faithfulness – The Requirement of a Mother**

Mothers are stewards of the lives of others. And that requires integrity, reliability and trust instead of immediate success. They are entrusted with raising children unto the Lord by the means which He supplies. It also includes the mysteries of God, where faithfulness, not talent or result, is the chief requirement of success.

**Freda Lindsay: “Faithful Mother: Obedient Disciple (Mary)”**

“There is a **wonder** surrounding Mary, the mother of Jesus that transcends traditional religious thought. That she was a privileged vessel, chosen to bear God's Son, is **wonder** enough, for she is a participant in the miracle of the Incarnation at a level no other human being can comprehend. It is clear that she did not claim to understand it herself, but simply worshiped God in humble acknowledgment of the **phenomenon** engulfing her existence: *“My soul magnifies the Lord,” she exclaims (v. 46).*

We can hardly fathom the bewildering moments she experienced (1) when Simeon prophesied future mental/ emotional suffering (2:35); (2) when she and Joseph spoke with Jesus after they thought He was lost in Jerusalem (vv. 49, 50); (3) when Jesus gently rebuffed her at the wedding in Cana (John 2:4); and (4) when Jesus seemed to reject her and His brothers' efforts at helping Him, though they clearly misunderstood Him at that time (Matt. 12:46-50). These instances prompt our learning **the wisdom of persistence and obedience** in following God's basic directive on our lives, even when the details of the outworking of His will are unclear or mystifying.

"Mary is also a study in the pathway forward in God's will. She might have sought elevation in position among those who saw Jesus for who He was – Messiah – but instead (1) she remained steadfast with Him all the way to the Cross, rather than protect herself (John 19:25); and (2) she obediently joined others of Jesus' disciples in the Upper Room, waiting as he commanded for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14).

"**Mary is a model of responsive obedience**, one who lived out her own directive to the servants at Cana – timeless advice for all ages: "*Whatever He [Jesus] says to you, do it*" (John 2:5)."

### **Live in Wonder for God is Wonderful**

Let's purpose to "**Live in Wonder**" as well, at the fact that God chose us to be His obedient children who know Him intimately! I'm sure our mothers wondered at who we were & were to be.

**SFLB WW**: "Signs and **wonders** are a perfect balance for touching man's intellect, emotions, and will." (**Acts 15:12**

**NKJV** "*Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and **wonders** God had worked through them among the Gentiles.*"

**Mothers** are the instruments of God who bring **wonders** into the world who require your steadfast patience, love & faithfulness. Thank you for all the sacrifices you've made for us,

that we might be prepared vessels to receive God's glory in Christ.

Even as Eve was called "*the mother of all living*", I see Mary as "the mother of the Lord of Life for all living." Generally speaking, mothers have a responsibility to reflect the gentle & gracious side of God's nature, whereas fathers are to model the authority, protection and provision side of God to mankind. In the absence of the father, as in my case growing up, the mother may have to assume the role of both. I believe God gives extra grace to both women and children in cases like these, for He is a merciful Father (In the description of the virtuous wife in **Prov.**

**31:10-31, verses 30-31 NKJV** read thus, "*Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. 31. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.*" Speaks of her handiwork.

**Jane Hanson, Prov. 31:13 NKJV** "*She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands.*" **21.** "*She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet.*" **25.** "*Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come.*" **27.** "*She **watches** over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.*"

**"A Woman of Eternal Significance"** "A virtuous woman not only cares physically for her home, but she is also a "watchman" over the emotional and spiritual condition of her family (**v. 27**). *Tsaphah*, Hebrew for "*watches*," is also translated "*watchman*." She works willingly with her hands, two kinds of which are mentioned in **Prov. 31**: *kaph*, symbolizing upturned hands extended in prayer (**v. 13**), and *yad*, ministering or serving hands (**v. 20**). Confident in the God to whom she prays, the effective woman knows she has eternal significance."

## **Psa. 113:7-9 TPT Lord Supplies for the Poor, Needy & Barren**

*“He promotes the poor, picking them up from the dirt, and rescues the needy from the garbage dump. 8. He turns paupers into princes and seats them on their royal thrones of honor.*

*9. God’s grace provides for the **barren ones** a joyful home with children so that even childless couples find a family. He makes them happy parents surrounded by their pride and joy. That’s the God we praise, so give it all to Him!”*

## **It Is Time to Awake, Arise & Advance to Greater Heights in Christ**

It’s time to **awaken** to the need for prophetic words to come forth from our hearts, so that as we speak, there is glory given to the God Who loves us. For our confession is our possession. So be careful what you say. It’s powerful when faith is released!

And it’s time to **arise with a mindset of commitment to action**. As we celebrate Mothers today, we thank you mothers for committing to keeping your child/children and raising them according to the grace of God revealed to you at that time.

Finally, it’s time to **advance the kingdom by faith, love and power**. Let’s press into the Lord with a seriousness and intensity that stifles all fear, doubt & unbelief! Let’s develop skills, abilities and habits that reveal the grace of God and its power to transform any life into a trophy of God’s kindness.

Be faithful to the Lord until the end of our time here, and share His love with others as God has shared His love with you & me.

Believe God for miracles, signs and wonders, for as **Mark 16:20 TPT** says, *“And the apostles went out announcing the good news everywhere, as the Lord Himself consistently worked with them, validating the message they preached with miracle-signs that accompanied them!”*

One of those miracle-signs is the transformation of a sinner into a saint by faith in Jesus Christ, repentance of sin, and confession of

Jesus as Lord. Is there anyone here today that would say, "I need Jesus as my Lord & Savior. Please pray with me?"