



When Hope Seems Lost

Luke 1:46-55

We can praise God in the here and now.

Verses 46-47:

- Mary's song of praise comes not when life has just gotten easier, but significantly harder!
- Yet Mary could and did, rejoice "in God my Savior."
- God (Jesus) is Savior in this life and world, not just the next!

We can look beyond today.

Verses 48-50:

- Despite being powerless in a country torn by violence and bloodshed (like today!), Mary looked beyond the present day.
- Without denying the harshness of her current world, Mary looked to the promises of God (see Verse 50)!

We can believe in what we have yet to see.

Verses 52-55:

- Everything Mary states here has yet to happen!
- This is all a reversal of the current state of affairs!
- What Mary here imagines, Jesus initiates, and points to the fulfillment of what life looks like when Jesus comes again.