



"Mary's Song: He Owes Me Nothing and Gives Me Everything"

Luke 1:39-56

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THE BIG IDEA: After God chose Mary to bear the Son she doesn't focus on herself but magnifies her **Lord** and **Savior**. She sings of His greatness, **mercy**, strength, and **goodness**. When we know that God owes us nothing but gives us everything we will praise Him, thank Him, and serve Him.

Luke 1:39-56 (ESV)

- 1 ⁴⁶ And Mary said,
"My soul **magnifies** the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit **rejoices** in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for **he has looked** on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty **has done great things for me**,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his **mercy** is *for those who fear him*
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown **strength with his arm**;
he has scattered *the proud* in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down *the mighty* from their thrones
and exalted those of *humble estate*;
⁵³ he has *filled the hungry* with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of **his mercy**,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

A Life of Gratitude and Worship

1. She Magnifies the **Lord**, Not Herself

Luke 1:46-47

- The central character in the Bible, in history, and in my life is **God**, not me!

2. She Sings of the **Thoughtfulness & Care** of the Lord

Luke 1:48-49

- God's thoughtfulness & care for the people He created goes all the way back to the **Garden**.
- Then, in Genesis 12:2-3, God says He will choose to make a nation for Himself, blessing them beyond all measure of what they deserve – simply because He **chooses** to care for them uniquely.
- David asked, "What is man that you are mindful of him?" [Psalm 8:3-4]
- The greatness of God is not seen in his **isolation** to us, but in his **intimacy** with us!

3. She Sings of the **Mightiness** of God

Luke 1:51-53

- Mary describes God as having an "arm". Of course, in a literal sense He doesn't have one. It is a way to describe His might as a **warrior**.
- He has gone to war in 3 areas: against the '**proud**'; against the '**mighty**'; and for the '**humble**'.
- In verses 52-53, Mary reveals the 2 prerequisites for the Lord's Salvation: 1. You need to be **humble**. 2. You need to be **hungry**.

4. She Sings of God's **Mercy**

Luke 1:50, 54-55

- His mercy is offered to those who "fear Him" [v.50]. To fear God is to **love** God, to **trust** God, to **obey** God.
- Why has anyone God has ever saved been saved? Because of His **mercy**. From generation to generation, it always because of God's mercy.

God sent a Savior through Mary, but also to Mary.
Mary was uniquely used by God to bring the Son into the world as a human being, but she was an imperfect person in need of a Savior,
just as you and I are.
