

**"Hymn Of Christmas Praise"**  
**Luke 1:46-56**  
**Sunday Morning December 22, 2024**

**Hymn** – *"a song of praise to God, to honor God, or to glorify God"*

**The Setting Of Mary's Hymn is 9 Months Before The Birth Of Jesus!**

This hymn is commonly called **"The Magnificat"**

**Luke 1:46 "My soul "exalts" the Lord**, The word **"exalts"** – means *"to glorify, or magnify"* or the word **"Magnificat"** or **"A Hymn Of Praise"**

**Mary's Faith Is Displayed In Her Praise:**

**Mary's mind was full of Scripture 15 quotations from the OT in this Hymn.**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "We Will Find Ourselves Magnifying God When We Dwell Upon God's Power, God's Holiness, And God's Mercy."

**1. Verses 46-50 Mary Praises God:**

**2. Verses 51-55 Mary Remembers God:**

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**Luke 1:46 And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord,**

**And Mary said: (Context)** Mary had been visited by the angel Gabriel. She has been chosen by God to bear the Son of God, the Messiah.

**Luke 1:35** Mary then travels to Judea to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

**Luke 1:40-45** Mary now responds! **"My soul exalts the Lord,**

The word **exalts** – *"to make great, magnify, show great"*

Literally *"My soul enlarges the Lord, My soul makes great the Lord"*

**How can we make God Greater than He already is?**

**We can't, but we can be enlarged in our thoughts and minds about God.**

**Luke 1:47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.**

Notice to whom the Savior is! **Mary rejoices in God her Savior.**

**Notice that Mary needed a Savior! (Mary speaks for all at Christmas!)  
Mary's words focus upon God's Power, God's Holiness, God's Mercy!**

**Luke 1:48**

**"For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave;**

### **Humility In Her Present Condition:**

Mary was from the town of Nazareth

**1 Samuel 1:11** Look on the affliction or "***humble state***" of Your maidservant and remember me

### **Humility In Her Spiritual Condition: of His bonds slave;**

*"a female slave"*

#### **Psalm 34:18**

**For behold,** or "*Look*" speaks of an exclamation of surprise.

Why is she surprised? Because God has had mercy on Mary's **humble state of His bonds slave;**

**from this time on all generations will count me blessed.**

**Mary is in awe that God would choose her!** God's grace and mercy.

**Luke 1:49 God's Power: "For the Mighty One** Mary sees God's power.

Jesus was called in **Isaiah 9:6 "Mighty God"** or "*Mighty Hero God*"

**has done great things for me;**

God has done, and to acknowledge Him in our lives.

### **God's Holiness: And holy is His name.**

The angel Gabriel had told Mary that Jesus would be holy. **Luke 1:35**

### **God Is Holy What Does This Mean?**

*"God is absent of sin, and the essence of goodness, or righteousness"*

Not darkness pure righteousness.

### **Holiness Is The Chief Attribute of God:**

**Matthew 6:9 Hallowed be Your name.**

**Psalm 29:2 (NLT) Honor the LORD for the glory of his name.**

**Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

**Application To God's Holiness: "God Always Does That Which Is Right, It Is Impossible For God To Sin Or Do That Which Is Wrong"**

**1 Peter 1:16** because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

**How Does One Become Holy?** (New Birth, Declared Righteous)

## **Hebrews 12:14**

### **Luke 1:50 God's Mercy: "AND HIS MERCY**

It has been defined as "*gracious faithfulness*"

### **IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION**

A God who keeps on working. Every family, every generation is filled with sin, but God mercifully works!

### **TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM. (Conditional)**

The word **fear** – "*to be alarmed or to frighten, to reverence HIM.*"

### **A Reverence/Fear For God Will Result In The Mercy Of God!**

## **2. Verses 51-55 Mary Remembers God:**

### **Luke 1:51 "He has done mighty deeds with His arm; Mary Looks Back On God's Past Faithfulness.**

Notice "**He has done mighty deeds He has scattered**

### **Luke 1:52-54; Romans 8:30**

#### **"He has done mighty deeds with His arm;**

Time would run out this morning if we started in **Genesis**, and we recounted what God has done.

**He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart.**  
(Tower of Babel)

### **Matthew 23:12; James 4:6**

#### **Luke 1:52**

**"He has brought down rulers from their thrones, Nebuchadnezzar  
Daniel 4:27-35 then later his grandson Belshazzar's**

### **Herod Agrippa - Acts 12:22-23**

**Hitler** – faced his D-Day.

**The sculptured heads of Lenin and Stalin lie in the junkyards.**

**Sadam Hussein -**

**And has exalted those who were humble.**

**Joseph** to second in charge of Egypt, **Esther** queen Medo Persian Empire, **Daniel** elevated to administrator by Darius of the Meads.

**This is what the Gospel does, it humbles all.  
We must come to God on His terms and acknowledge our great need.**

**Luke 1:53 "HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS;**

In Hannah's song she says a similar thing.

**1 Samuel 2:7-8; Psalm 107:9**

**AND SENT AWAY THE RICH EMPTY-HANDED.**

Those that are full

**Being spiritually bankrupt (hungry) is a blessed experience:  
It can drive us to God! Matthew 5:6**

**Luke 1:54-55; Genesis 12:3**

**Luke 1:56 and then returned to her home.**

Mary that is engaged returns home 3 months pregnant to this quiet little town.

**Application:**

1. We Will Find Ourselves Magnifying God When We Dwell Upon God's Power, God's Holiness, And God's Mercy.
2. How To Respond to God's Word: Take God At His Word. Rest Entirely On What God Says Because It Is God Who Says It.
3. In God's Revelation Through Scripture, There Is The Great Secret Of God's Strength, God's Comfort ,And God's Blessing.