

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Magnify The Lord"**  
**Luke 1:39-56**  
**Study-4**

**"The Magnificat"** it is called this because of the opening word taken from **Luke 1:46 And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord,** - The word **exalts** or **glorify, magnify;** we get **"Magnificat"**

**Mary's mind was filled with Scripture. Mary quotes over 15 passages from the OT in her song; Mary was a woman of the Word.**

It resembles Hannah's **1 Samuel 2:1-10**

**Luke 1:46-55** has been under attack by critics, because of its content.

As true believers we stand on the Scriptures not the opinions of the critics because the text says **Luke 1:46 And Mary said:**

**Luke's Purpose: "Knowing The Exact Truth About Jesus Christ"**

**Theme of Luke: "Jesus Christ The Perfect Man" Written to Greeks**

**Luke 1:1-4:13 The Introduction Of The Son Of Man:**

**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 39-45 Elizabeth Magnifies The Lord**

**2. Verses 46-56 Mary Magnifies The Lord**

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**Luke 1:39 Now at this time Mary - The Context:** Mary was told through the angel Gabriel she would birth the Son of God **"The Annunciation of the Lord"** **Luke 1:26-35** God gave a sign of encouragement to Mary **Luke 1:36, Luke 1:5-25** "Unbelief of Zacharias"

**Luke 1:37-38** (Mary's opposite reaction)

**Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah,** which was 80-100 miles away. This would take 3-4 days for her to get there.

**Luke 1:40-41 leaped** - Literally *"an upward vault, skipping or leaping as of a sheep in the field."* **Why did John skip or leap?**

**John was a prophet, this would be John's first prophesy:** 30 years later John would say, **John 3:29**

**John was overcome by the emotion of joy:** *He leaped with delight!*

**and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.** After Pentecost all believers would be.

**Luke 1:42** **And she cried out with a loud voice,** "*shout, excitement*" Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit begins to speak out.

**Verses 42-45 The Song Of Praise: Blessed are you among women,** Elizabeth did not say, "**Blessed above women, "Blessed" 3 times, Verses 42, 45.**

**Elizabeth Acknowledges The Humanity Of The Son Of God: and blessed is the fruit of your womb!** That this birth would change the course of mankind.

**Luke 1:43** **the mother of my Lord would come to me?** Elizabeth realizes that Mary is giving birth to the Son of God/Messiah **Psalm 110:1**

**The Holy Spirit reveals to Elizabeth the secret of the birth of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 12:3**

**Elizabeth Acknowledges The Deity Of The Son Of Man: mother of my Lord** *Elizabeth acknowledged that Jesus was God!* **The mother of the Son of Man should come to my house? Elizabeth Submits to Jesus' rule!**

**Luke 1:44** She explains the reason for her great joy. **baby leaped – "exultation"**

**Luke 1:45 Elizabeth Commends Mary's Great Faith: blessed is she who believed**

**there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."** Mary is a godly example of a disciple of Jesus Christ! **That faith brings blessing!**

## **2. Verses – 46-56 Mary Magnifies The Lord**

**Luke 1:46 "My soul exalts the Lord,** - The word **exalts** – "*to make or declare great, magnify, show great.*" Literally, "*My soul enlarges the Lord*" "*My soul makes great the Lord*"

**How can we make God bigger than what He already is? We can't but we can be enlarged in our thinking of Him.**

**"My soul – the real person inside. Psalm 108:1**

**Luke 1:47 And my spirit -** The human spirit, life, the inner person.  
**John 4:23-24**

**has rejoiced in God my Savior.** Notice who the Savior is! It is God.

**Notice that Mary needed a Savior!** That is who Jesus is, God our Savior.  
**Mary's words focus upon God's Power, God's Holiness, God's Mercy!**

**Luke 1:48 humble state -** More than a Physical/Nationally, it was the great Spiritual Need! **Matthew 5:3-5**

**Psalm 34:18**

**of His bondsman;** *"a female slave"* Mary was spiritually bankrupt. She saw herself as a slave who willingly serves God out of love!

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

**Luke 1:49 God's Power: "For the Mighty One -** Mary sees God's Power. She had just experienced it by being conceived of the Holy Spirit.

**Isaiah 9:6 "Mighty God"** or *"Mighty hero God"* Jesus would go to the cross, He would raise Himself from the dead, He would ascend to heaven.

**has done great things for me;** God's Power. This is the proper perspective to see life in light of what God has done.

**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 that mean?** Negative and positive.

**The negative -** *absence of sin;* **The positive –** *the essence of goodness, or righteousness.* Not darkness and pure righteousness.

**The chief attribute of God is His holiness. Psalm 29:2; Psalm 96:9**

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

**How do I become holy?** I must be born again. Need to be filled with the Holy Spirit, **Hebrews 12:14**

**Luke 1:50 God's Mercy: "AND HIS MERCY** It has been called "*gracious faithfulness*" "*God's mercy is his tenderhearted, loving compassion for his people. It is his tenderness of heart toward the needy. Grace contemplates humans as sinful, guilty, and condemned; mercy sees them as miserable and needy.*"

**IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION** A God who keeps on working. This is a promise from the present to the future.

**TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.** The word **fear** – "*to be put in fear, alarm or fright, to be afraid exceedingly, terror, to reverence*"

**Luke 1:51 "He has done mighty deeds with His arm;** Notice as Mary refers to the prophetic past tense. God is so sure that when we look to the future it is looked at and spoken as past tense.

**He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart.** God is describing those that place themselves as preeminent or first in all things.

**Example of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon. He was a proud man. Daniel 4:27-33**

By what Nebuchadnezzar did, he called down **His arm;** upon Himself. He forced God to respond to his actions. For 7 years this went on.

**Daniel 4:34-35**

**All sorts of people have been brought down. Herod Agrippa (Acts 12:22-23)**

**Matthew 23:12**

**Luke 1:52 "He has brought down rulers from their thrones,** Maybe Mary had **Belshazzar** in mind. **Daniel 5:5**

**And has exalted those who were humble.** Daniel was then elevated to administrator by Darius of the Meds.

Jesus Himself was the example of being humble then exalted by God.

**Philippians 2:9-11**

This is what the gospel does, it humbles us. That we must come to God and acknowledge our great need. That we are lost, we are sinners in need that we have a debt against us. **1 Peter 5:6**

**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 physically full think that they have no need for anything but have a great need.  
**Revelation 3:17-18**

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

**Luke 1:54-56 "He has given help to Israel** This is an account of the mercy of God. It started with **Genesis 12:3**

**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.