

“Christmas Worship”
Luke 1:46-56
6:00 PM Christmas Eve, December 24, 2012

“The Magnificat” – it is called this because of a word in the opening statement by Mary. Luke 1:46 “exalts” the Lord; The word exalts – means “to glorify, or magnify”; comes the word “Magnificat” or “Hymn Of Praise”

Mary’s Faith Is Displayed In Her Praise. It resembles Hannah’s in 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Mary’s mind was full of Scripture; 15 quotations from the OT in this Hymn. Mary was a woman of the Word.

1. Verses 46-50 – Mary Praises God

2. Verses 51-55 – Mary Remembers God

1. Verses 46-50 – Mary Praises God:

Luke 1:46

“And Mary said:” – Mary has been visited by the angel Gabriel. She has been chosen by God to bear the Messiah. Luke 1:35

Luke 1:40-45

“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 see Him enlarged in our own hearts and minds.

Luke 1:47

“rejoiced in God my Savior.” – Notice to whom the Savior is! Mary rejoices in God.

Luke 1:48

Humility In Our Physical Condition:

1 Sam. 1:11

“look on the affliction” – or “humble state”

Humility In Our Spiritual Condition: "of His bonds slave;" – "A female slave"

Psalm 34:18

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

Luke 1:42 – Blessed among not above

Luke 1:49

Isa. 9:6 – "Mighty God" or "Mighty hero God"

And holy is His name. Luke 1:35

"God Is Holy" – What Does That Mean? "God is absent of sin, and the essence of goodness, or righteousness"

Holiness Is The Chief Attribute of God: Matt. 6:9 – "Hallowed be Thy name."

Psalm 29:2

Application Of 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

How Does One Become Holy? (New Birth) Repentance and Faith In God. Faith that Jesus Is God in the flesh who died in our place.

Heb. 12:14

Luke 1:50

"AND HIS MERCY" – "gracious faithfulness"

"fear" – "to be alarmed or to frighten, To reverence"

A Reverence/Fear For God Results In The Mercy Of God!

2. Verses 51-55 – Mary Remembers God:

Luke 1:51-54

Mary Looks Back On God's Faithfulness in the Past.

Romans 8:30

Matt. 23:12

Luke 1:52

Nebuchadnezzar – Dan 4:27-35

Herod Agrippa – Acts 12:22-23

1 Peter 5:6

Luke 1:53

1 Sam. 2:7-8

Psalm 107:9

Matt. 5:6

Luke 1:54-55

Gen.12:3

Luke 1:56

Application:

1. Our Mouths Should Exalt The Lord, Not Ourselves.
2. God Is Opposed To The Proud, Gives Grace To The Humble.
3. God's Mercy Follows The Fear Of The Lord.
4. God's Promises Are Sure – Proven In The Past, Trustworthy For The Present And Sure For The Future.