


**God's Humble Servant
Mary, Extols God's
Saving Actions**

Luke 1:39-56


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Mary Visits Elizabeth

■ **Luke 1:39, 40**

Now at this time Mary arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.



Elizabeth and JTB are Filled with the Holy Spirit

■ **Luke 1:41**

And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

■ **Luke 1:15b**

. . . he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother's womb.



A Holy Spirit Inspired Speech

■ **Luke 1:42, 43**

And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women are you, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"



The Spirit Filled Baby Leaps for Joy

■ **Luke 1:44**


For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.



A Blessing for Believing God's Word

■ **Luke 1:45**


"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."



The Magnificat; Hebrew Poetry

Structure


- Praise and Reason for Praise
“My soul magnifies. . . rejoices . . . For He has looked with favor.”
- Parallelism
“My soul magnifies . . . My spirit rejoices” (synonymous)
“He has brought down the powerful . . . He has lifted up the lowly.” (antithetical)



The Magnificat; Hebrew Poetry

Structure

- Active Verbs
God's Saving Actions:
“Looked with favor. . . done great things . . . done mighty deeds . . . scattered . . . brought down . . . exalted . . . filled . . . sent away . . . given help . . . spoke”



A Song of Praise Like Many In the Old Testament

- **Luke 1:46, 47**
And Mary said: “My soul exalts the Lord,
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.”



Humble Mary Extols God's Gracious Work

■ Luke 1:48

"For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed."



The Glory of a Holy God who Shows Mercy to Sinners

■ Luke 1:49, 50

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name. And His mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear Him."



Echoes From the Psalms

■ Psalms 103:17

But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,



God Resists the Proud

■ Luke 1:51

He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart.

■ James 4:6

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."



Theme in Luke/Acts: Reversal

■ Luke 1:52, 53


He has brought down rulers from their thrones, And has exalted those who were humble. He has filled the hungry with good things; And sent away the rich empty-handed.



God is Fulfilling His Promises

■ Luke 1:54, 55


He has given help to Israel His servant, In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his offspring forever.



Mary Stays With her Relative


- **Luke 1:56**

And Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her home.



Applications

- God saves the humble and needy.
- Those filled with the Holy Spirit speak forth words of Messianic salvation.
- Being rich in this world is of no eternal value.



God Saves the Humble and Needy.

- **Psalm 34:6**

This poor man cried and the Lord heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.



Those filled with the Holy Spirit speak forth words of Messianic salvation.

■ **Acts 4:8, 9**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well. . ."



Those filled with the Holy Spirit speak forth words of Messianic salvation.

■ **Acts 4:10**


". . . let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by this name this man stands here before you in good health."



Those filled with the Holy Spirit speak forth words of Messianic salvation.

■ **Acts 4:11, 12**


"He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the very corner stone. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."



Being rich in this world is of no eternal value.

■ **Luke 12:16-18**

And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'



Being rich in this world is of no eternal value.

■ **Luke 12:19-21**

And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

