

KINGDOM COME

Magnificat
Luke 1:46-55
December 20, 2015

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” -**Luke 1:46-47**

I. GOD’S GRACE IN MARY’S LIFE

- God chose Mary to be the God-bearer - *Theotokos* (Luke 1:26-38).
- God confirmed his plan via angelic visits to both Mary and her betrothed, Joseph (Matt. 1:18-25).
- Mary will be called “blessed” (vs. 48).
- Mary is the “favored one.” This speaks more to the character of God than to Mary’s character (Luke 1:28).
- Mary has received much honor in this world, and even some worship. It pales in comparison to what she experiences now (1 Cor. 13:12; Phil. 3:7-11).

II. THE CHARACTER OF GOD

- He is a Savior-God (vs. 47; Ps. 18:46; 1 Tim. 1:1; Jude 1:25).
- He does great things for his people (vs. 49; Jdgs 2:7; Rom. 8:28).
- He is holy (vs. 49; Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8).
- He shows mercy to those who fear him forever (vs. 50).
- He is strong and mighty (vss. 51-52; Job 34:23-24).
- He is merciful to the poor (vs. 53; Lev. 19:10; Isa. 41:17; Lk. 11:41).
- He helps his people and speaks to them (vss. 54-55; Isa. 30:21).

III. GOD’S GREATEST GIFT

- Salvation is for Mary and for all who will humbly seek God through his Son (Matt. 1:21; Lk. 1:38; James 4:7-10).
- Hope springs from the gift of salvation made possible through the advent of Mary’s son - Jesus, and through the hope of his return (Matt. 12:18-21; Heb. 6:19-20; 1 John 3:2-3).

KNOW: God is great, and his promises are true. They were demonstrated to be truthful in the Incarnation of his Son, and will be shown to be true again when he returns.

DO: Humble yourself and receive the gift of God.

Suggested Reading:

Humility: True Greatness, by C.J. Mahaney

The Attributes of God, by A.W. Pink

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Luke 1:46-55

1. How do you picture Mary the mother of Christ in your mind’s eye? What does she look like, act like, and behave like? Why do you think about her in this way?
2. How far should we go in our praise of Mary? Adoration? Veneration? Deep respect? Is she just another common person like us? Why?
3. Mary played a vital role in the life of Jesus. Why do you think the Bible tells us so little about her?
4. Mary’s prayer is about God, not so much about her or her needs. What does it teach us about prayer? Is this the only way to pray?
5. Why is humility so hard to achieve? Why must we be humble to accept the work of Christ in our lives?