

The Songs of Advent ~ The Song of Mary ~ Luke 1:39-56



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A Central Message of Luke 1 and 2 – _____

- Zechariah and Elizabeth – the promise of John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Messiah
- Mary and Joseph – Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises from all of time
- From the Angels to the Shepherds – that a descendant of David would reign eternally
- Simeon and Anna – Jesus is the fulfillment for me, for Israel, for all people

Mary's Song Is About

- What God has done in her as the God who fulfills promises
- All who are the objects of the promises of God's mercy and grace

Two Parts to the Magnificat

1. For He who is MIGHTY has done great things for me. Luke 1:49
 - My Savior Luke 1:46-47a; 1:31
 - He has noticed my circumstances Luke 1:48a
 - All generations will call me blessed Luke 1:48b
2. His MERCY is for those who fear him – from generation to generation. Luke 1:50
 - Proud and haughty are brought down Luke 1:51
 - He exalts the humble and hungry Luke 1:52-53
 - God remembers his promises to Abraham, to Israel, to all who believe Luke 1:54-55

Lessons from the Song of Mary

1. We have an unfortunate tendency to look at people of substance as those who have received the blessings of God. Mary's experience blows that out of the water!
2. Our standing in God's kingdom is about His mercy, not the level of our accomplishments.
3. God honors the humble and the poor – He sees them, while we often look past them.
4. In the midst of overwhelming realities, Mary focuses on the undeserved joy of being included as God's.
5. We do not have the honor of giving birth to the Savior of the world, but we do have the honor and blessing of living as one of His children of promise.

What's YOUR Song?