

“Mary’s Declaration of Praise To God”

Part 2

Luke 1:51-56

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Luke 1:46-50

- 46 And Mary said: “My soul exalts the Lord,
47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
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.
49 "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.
50 "AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

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7 OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LIFE OF MARY:

1. Mary is saturated with God’s Word. (46-55)
2. Mary desires for all of the glory to go to God alone. (46,47)
3. Mary has a heart of humility. (48)
4. Mary has an attitude of thankfulness. (49,50)

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5. Mary knows Israel’s history.
 - Mary transitioned in verse 50 from herself to looking at the history of Israel.
 - Notice the “He has” at the beginning of these verses.
 - These are past tense aorist verbs. This was done in Israel’s history.
 - It’s important to care about Bible history.
 - Do you know Church history?
 - Mary knew her history. It will give her stability and security for the future.
 - Interesting that Mary doesn’t start with God’s mighty acts of deliverance or leading or sustaining Israel.
 - Rather she shows God’s power to punish and defeat Israel’s enemies.
 - “His arm” – this is an anthropomorphic phrase. God does not have a physical body. God is described as having eyes (Am 9:3), ears (Dn 9:18), hands (Is 5:25), and feet (Gn 3:8; Is 63:3).
 - $\nu\pi\epsilon\rho\sigma\tau\iota\phi\alpha\nu\omicron\sigma$ – to be seen as above others.
- Mary knew that the proud and the arrogant are not on the side of God.
- Pride and arrogance begin in the heart and are manifested out into the actions of man.

Prov 6:16-17

16 There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

17 Haughty eyes, (to look down on others)

Prov 16:5

5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord;

- God hates pride because it is a manifestation of the deepest depravity of man, the root cause of all forms of sin.
- Pride is a condition of the heart in which a person has substituted the sovereign rule of God over his life with the rule of his own will. (Ex. Adam and Eve)
- Those proud in their thoughts are those who see no need for God in their thoughts.

2 examples of proud men of the O.T.:

1. Pharaoh.
2. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

“Pride will kill you. Forever.

Pride is the sin most likely to keep you from crying out for a Savior.

Those who think they are well will not look for a doctor.”

Rev 19:11-18

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.

13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God,

18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

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6. Mary knows what and Who satisfies in life.

- Mary continues to show that she is a woman of the Book by quoting from Psalm 107:9

Ps 107:9

9 For He has satisfied the thirsty soul,

And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

Matt 5:6

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

John 6:35

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

Matt 4:4

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

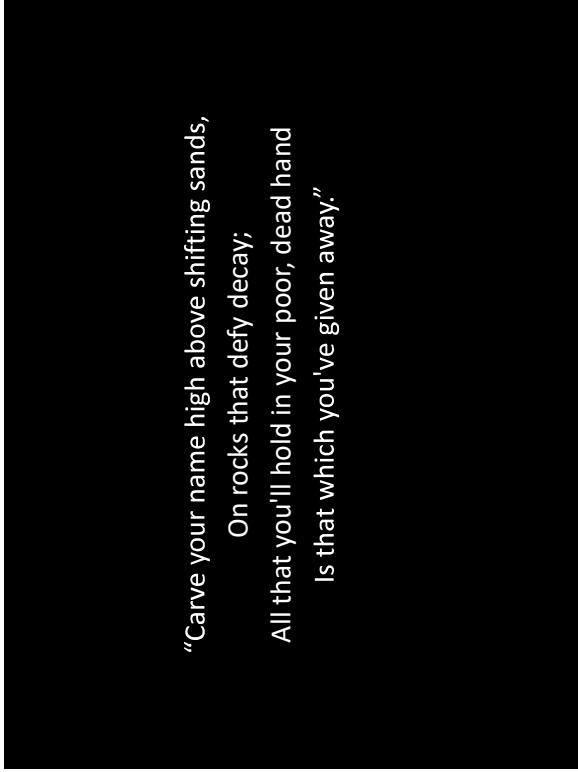
Luke 6:24-25

24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full.

25 "Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry.

“The real measure of our wealth is how much we would be worth if we lost all of our money.”

- It is clear from Mary's words (and from the whole Bible) that God is not impressed by the rich, the powerful, or the proud.
- God has mercy on those who fear him, who humble themselves and turn from the ego boosting accumulation of wealth.
- Mary's view of riches and the things of this world will serve her well in the future.



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7. Mary understood the covenant program of God.
3. It is also one of the greatest summaries of God's faithfulness and the plan of God's certainty in all the Word of God. Unfortunately, while the words of this song are sung around the world in the Magnificat hymn, their meaning is rarely, if ever, understood. Not even one Pope has ever understood these words.
4. In this covenant, God promised a land, a particular real estate that in her day was ruled by Rome, but would one day be ruled by a seed, the Messiah and now that Messiah was already conceived in her womb, and through Him there would be worldwide blessing.

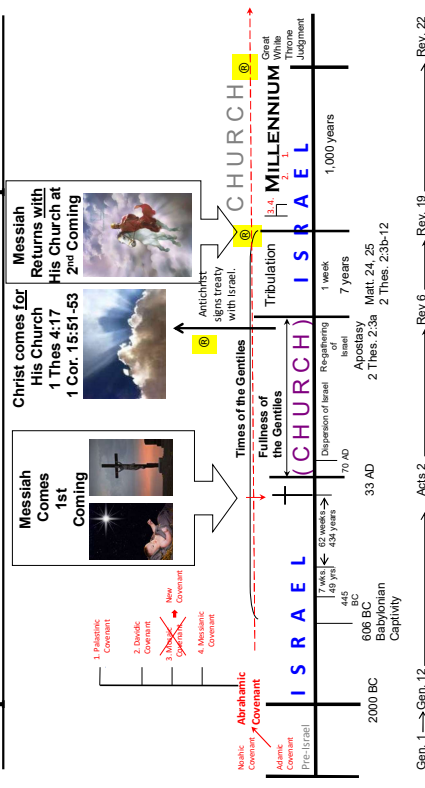
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Rom 9:6-7

- 6 For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel;
7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, Mary's understanding of God's covenants:
1. When the angel said, "God is going to do this through you," she immediately linked the purposes of God, revealed to her by the angel, to the purposes of God of old, which had been promised in covenant with Abraham.
 2. Mary knew that the promises that God made to Abraham are being fulfilled in the bringing of her son into the world. Mary is linking the promised birth of Jesus the Messiah, Jesus the Savior, to God's covenant promise to Abraham. She's saying, "Lord, You are fulfilling what you promised to Abraham in Genesis 12, and 15, and 17, You are fulfilling that now in our time and for whatever marvelous reason You have chosen to fulfill that through me."

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



Ⓜ = Resurrection

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- Appears to happen before John was born.

- Mary needed that time with Elizabeth:

1. Elizabeth is 6 months ahead of Mary.

2. Elizabeth had a father who was a priest and she was married to a priest. Understood God's covenant program.

3. Elizabeth and Zacharias were blameless and righteous. Great people to hang out with.

- Think of what Mary is facing as she heads back home.

- BUT she faces it with the assurance of God's Word in her heart.

- How would you handle it? How much of God's Word do you have in your heart to face what is in your future?