



Magnify the Lord with Your Worship

Lesson 4 • Luke 1:46-56

Overview of the Passage

- The **ANNUNCIATION** by the Angel Gabriel to Mary. (vv. 26-38)
- The **VISITATION** by Mary to Her Relative Elizabeth. (vv. 39-45)
- The **MAGNIFICATION** of the LORD by Mary in song. (vv. 46-56)

"We have in these verses, the announcement of the most marvelous event that ever happened in this world, the incarnation and birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a passage which we should always read with mingled wonder, love and praise." – J. C. Ryle

Mary's Magnificat

- Could a young, teenage virgin ever write such a song?
- What stands out about Mary's Song?

Magnify the Lord with Your **WORSHIP** of the Son's Kingdom Reversals!

Mary is inviting us to join the *Jesus revolution* that is a *reversal* of the how the world lives.

Kingdom Reversals that Magnify the Lord

1. The Lord Is **MAGNIFIED** not Us. (vv. 46-47)

- Mary **BEGINS** where all true worship begins: *God-centered!*
- True NT worship is always centered on our **TRIUNE** God not merely a generic "God."

2. The Lord Is **MINDFUL** of the Humble. (vv. 46-50)

Mary Avoids the Two Extremes in Church History: Making Too Much or Too Little of Herself.

How? By staying God-centered in her worship!

Mary's Song Rejoices in the Fulfillment of Isaiah's Servant Songs!

- 41:8-20** Yahweh says the nation Israel is "**My Servant**" whom I will **HELP (3x)** on the basis of **covenant election** and **covenant loyalty** to Israel **despite** of her disloyalty and rebellion.
- 42:1-9** Then Yahweh says Messiah is "**My Servant**" who is **My elect** and who I put My Spirit on "**to bring forth justice to the nations**" and "**in the earth.**" And "**I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations...**"
- 42:10-13** Therefore, Israel is to "**SING a NEW SONG to the LORD, SING His PRAISE from the end of the earth**" just like Mary!

Magnify the Lord for Being the Mindful of the Humble!

What the Lord did for Mary as a humble believer He does for all who humble themselves before Him and His Son.

- Anyone in any nation and every generation no matter how low you go will be will **DELIVERED**.
- Everyone who fears Him and runs to Him by faith alone will be **FORGIVEN**.
- Everyone who humbly confesses their sinfulness and neediness will receive **MERCY**.
- Everyone who lives this way daily and doesn't become proud, self-reliant, and independent will be **BLESSED**.

3. The Lord Is **MIGHTIER** Than the Proud. (vv. 51-53)

- The Magnificat functions as a **PIVOT** in the fulfillment of God's redemptive history.
 - Looks ***back to the past*** at all the Lord *has done* for Israel *especially in the Exodus redemption*.
 - Looks ***inward in the present*** at what the Lord *is doing* in Mary's womb *with the Lord's incarnation*.
 - Looks ***forward to the future*** to all the Lord will do in the mighty reversals *at the Kingdom consummation*.
- God's people stay on **MISSION** until the King comes with His Kingdom reversals.
 - Moral*** Reversal
 - Social*** Reversal
 - Financial*** Reversal
 - Spiritual*** Reversal – Acts 1:6-8

4. The Lord Is **MERCIFUL** to the Repenter. (vv. 54-55)

- Remember Mary is echoing Isaiah's Servant Songs especially Isaiah 41:8-20; 42:1-13.
- Israel as a nation must humble themselves and **REPENT** to receive God's mercy and be restored by the ultimate kingdom reversal.
 - Acts 3:17-21; Micah 7:18-20; Psalm 98:1-9

All of these ***KINGDOM REVERSALS*** will finally and literally be fulfilled when
the ***KING COMES AGAIN to REDEEM the NATIONS, RESTORE ISRAEL and REIGN FOREVER!***

How Do We Magnify the Lord Like Mary?

*By joyfully worshipping the Son for His Kingdom reversals and doing our part to reach the nations
until the King comes to restore the Kingdom to Israel!*

Magnify the Lord with *Your Walk* by the *Father's Amazing Grace!*

Magnify the Lord with *Your Witness* with the *Spirit's Daily Filling!*

Magnify the Lord with *Your Worship* for the *Son's Kingdom Reversals!*