

“Rejoicing In A Savior”

New Hope Community Church

December 9th, 2018

Luke 1:39-56

Life Group Meeting

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QUESTIONS

A. The Delight of the Father In the Son

1. The Scriptures proclaim this great delight

- Through the **pen** of the prophets — Isaiah 42:1
- By the **voice** of the Father — Matthew 3:17 / 17:5
- In the eternal **plan** of the Father — Phil 2:8-11 / Rev 19:7,8
- Other Scriptures (Co 1:19 / Jn 3:35 / 5:20 / ch 17)

2. The presence of the Son brings life and hope and **joy** (41,44)

- The Son is the full **expression** of the Father (Hb 1:3)
- The Son brings the very **heart** of God to the people of the earth

3. To those who receive the Son there flows great **blessing**

- Blessing to Elizabeth for confessing the Babe as **Lord** (43)
- Blessing to Mary for humbly **believing** the Word of the Lord (45)

- **CONSIDER:** The great love of the Father for the Son stands out so clearly in the Scriptures. Have I given sufficient thought to this, so that every part of my life points toward honoring Jesus, and thus bringing great pleasure to the heart of the Father?

B. The Delight of Mary In God Her Savior (46-56)

1. God looks with **favor** upon the humble of spirit (48)

- He is the God of infinite **strength**
- He is the God of absolute **holiness**

2. God pours out **mercy** upon all who bow in submission to Him (50)

3. God executes **justice** upon the earth (51-53)

- He brings **down** the proud in heart and position
- He raises **up** those who are humble
- He sees and **provides** for the needy

4. God is **faithful** to act according to His word

- He has not forgotten the **nation** that He promised to bless (54)
- He has not forgotten the **promises** He made to individuals (55)

Personal Reflection

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus. Titus 2:11-13

Isn't the essence of righteousness to be moved by perfect delight in what is perfectly glorious? And isn't the opposite of righteousness when we set our highest affections on the things of little or no worth? John Piper

1) Read Luke 1:39-56

2) What one thing did you take away from this week's sermon?

3) What do you feel is the significance of the baby leaping in the womb of Elizabeth?

4) We talked Sunday about the great delight the Father has in the Son. As you think about the Father looking upon His Son in the little body of a baby boy, why would this bring delight to God?

5) In what way is Mary's song of praise a declaration of truth about the very nature of God? (give examples)

6) Of the character qualities of God that Mary proclaims in her song of praise, (strength, holiness, mercy, justice, faithfulness) which one are you especially thankful for and why?

7) Read John Piper's statement at the bottom of the notes. Does this help explain why the Father would take such great delight in the Son? Discuss.

8) If we were to truly delight in the Son as the Father does, how would it impact our lives as we look for His second coming (read Titus 2:11-13).

9) Pray for one another in light of the second coming of Jesus.