

Sermon Title: "MARY'S SONG"

Date: December 18, 2022 - Luke 1:46-56

Central Idea: Christians should experience and express joyful praise when celebrating the birth of Jesus. Are you praising God with joy for His wonderful Gift?

Introduction: Mary was so full of joy that encouraged her to lift her voice in a hymn of praise. It is a beautiful song filled with hope and rich truth about God. The fullness of the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-20) and the fullness of the Word (Colossians 3:16-17) should lead Christians to joyful praise in our lives. Mary's song contains quotations from and references to the Old Testament Scriptures. She hid God's Word in her heart and turned it into a song as she recounted three recipients of God's blessing.

I. God Blessed Mary. vv. 46-49

- 1. God saved her. v. 47**
- 2. God avored her. v. 48**
- 3. God was mighty for her. v. 49**

II. God Blessed Mankind. vv. 50-53

- 1. The helpless v. 51**
- 2. The humble v. 52**
- 3. The hungry v. 53**

III. God Blessed Israel vv. 54-55

- 1. God remembered His mercy. v. 54**
- 2. God kept His promises. v. 55**

Conclusion: Mary knew that Jesus was a special gift from God. Mary returned to Nazareth, strong and courageous in her faith. Weigh the devotion of Mary against your own private devotion this Christmas. Reflect on the impact of Christ in today's world of the proud and powerful.