

Series: Songs of the Season; *Sermon:* **Mary's Song**

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Bible text explored: Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said,
 ⁴⁷“My soul magnifies the Lord,
 ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
 For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
 and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
 to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” [ESV]

Review and application:

1. Exhilarated at being uniquely blessed (v. 46), from what parts of her personality did this very young woman respond?
 On whom did she center her praise?
 By rejoicing in “my Savior,” how did she express her own status and need?
2. What amazed Mary (vv. 48-49) about how the holy Mighty One . . .
 . . . chose to do an amazing thing through one person?
 . . . selected someone in no sense upscale?
 . . . made her role unforgettable?
3. Based on their relationship to God (vv. 50-53), human rankings are upended. On what basis does he . . .
 . . . “exalt” and “fill” some?
 . . . “scatter,” bring down,” and “send away empty” others?
 Could “spiritual hunger” describe your own yearning?
 (See *Matt. 5:6; John 6:35.*)
4. How did God’s remembering mercy (vv. 54-55) show that he was fulfilling his promises to Abraham? (See *Gen. 12:1-3; 17:3-8; 22:16-18.*)