

## **Luke 1:46-56 – Mary's Song**

What does a person say when they are filled with the Spirit? Elisabeth has shown us, and now Mary shows us. Lots of people today are confused about Mary. Should they pray to her and worship her? Who was she? Today we look at this remarkable woman – the mother of the human nature of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **1. What God did for Mary (v46-50)**

We read that Mary rejoiced (v46-47). She rejoiced in God, her Saviour. The happiest being in existence is God, because he is the most holy and truly glorious. When we get to know God, we can know true rejoicing. Mary rejoiced in her salvation. God saves his people from sin, death and hell. Mary rejoiced in her spirit and soul – the deepest part. The gospel gives us true reasons to rejoice that last forever. True joy comes in Christ alone. She was grateful, because she knew she did not deserve it; she was a “nobody” and it was mercy. God loves the “nobodies”. The Roman Catholic church falsely teaches that Mary had no sin, but Mary did not say this. She praised God for salvation. Salvation teaches us to praise; she worshipped him for his greatness and holiness. This is a test of our Christianity. Has it given us the desire to keep on rejoicing, from the heart, because of who our God is? That is what happens when someone believes in Christ.

### **2. What God does to his enemies (v50-53)**

God is the God of the humble, not the proud. The proud are his enemies. Mary was low, but God remembered her. He passed over Caesar, Herod and the leaders of the Jews to bring salvation via this poor woman. Many people praise themselves and praise their own religion and their own power, but God ignores them. We are very wrong if we measure our religion by ourselves (Revelation 3:17). Mary said that the proud are scattered, brought low, and sent away empty. Is your heart proud? Herod ended up being banished, Caesar's empire ended, and the Pharisees and Sadducees saw their temple and nation destroyed. But Jesus, after being crucified, was lifted up to glory. At Calvary he defeated the greatest enemies of all: Satan, sin, death and hell. By paying the price for his peoples' sins, he redeemed them and destroyed Satan's power. True power and glory from God is at the cross.

### **3. What God does for his people (v54-56)**

God remembers his people. He is very patient (2 Peter 3:9), whilst we are impatient. What he promises, he will do, in his own time. 2000 years had passed since God promised to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3). He had told him of a great people, an inheritance, and great blessing for the nations. Now, God was fulfilling that promise as he sent Jesus. We too today are waiting for Jesus to come again. When will he come? We do not know – but God will do all he has said. The climax of the promises is Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20). All that God plans, he completes through Christ. When he died on the cross, Jesus brought his people the mercy Mary sang of, and the hunger filled. Through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, we find joy in salvation. Mary said that the promise is not only for Abraham, but his children. His children are those who trust Jesus (Galatians 3:7). Are you one?