

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

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***Bible text explored: Luke 1:46-55***

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