

Luke 1: 46b-55

“My soul glorifies the Lord
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
53 He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

Mary’s Song or the Magnificat
Magnificat is Latin for “it magnifies or praises”.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a lowly peasant girl, a disgrace because she was unmarried and pregnant, the woman chosen by God to bear his son. And although she will bear unspeakable grief watching her son be rejected, shamed, and crucified, she PRAISES God for honoring her.

Mary’s song also addresses the fact that power and prestige are not important to God. And conversely, he provides for and lifts up the poor and lowly. There is a leveling...being brought down or elevated for his divine purposes.

It encourages a humble and faithful response to God’s call in our lives. We are to have faith. We should trust in our God, no matter the circumstances. God has it all in his hands.
May all that we do be to the praise and glory of God.

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