

Mary, the Servant-Mother



Luke 1:46-55

Introduction



- Immediate context of the “Magnificat” —
- Significant themes for Luke
- Praise is response to God’s doing
- A blessed life impacts generations to come!
- *Magnificat* is filled with OT allusions and quotations

magnify the Lord



- **2 Corinthians 10:15 (ESV)-- We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged/magnified**
- **In a mother's heart, life, daily functions, etc. she constantly becomes the lens through which others see Jesus enlarged and magnified.**

are blessed



- All Generations will count me blessed
- Not the same thing as...
- Comes from the same word “blessed” used in the Beatitudes.
- Why do we count her blessed?
- Her fundamental attitude...”Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.”

great things the Lord has done

- He has regarded the lowly state—
God sees and recognizes your value
- He who is mighty—Holy is His name
- A deep knowledge of who God is,
what he has done for you, and how
He values you



the help of the Lord



- His mercy is on those who fear him (reverence and awe)
- He has shown strength with his arm
- God's ultimate sovereign power is recognized
- He has filled the hungry with good things (Lord's prayer)
- He has helped his servant Israel—think of all the ways God did this: guidance, travel, food, water, protection, etc.

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- These three things comprise the parameters of faithful mothering
- A clear vision of what God has done does two things for Christian mothers



know how to “remain”

with others



- **Mary remained with Elizabeth**
- **we can surmise that she stayed for the delivery.**
- **She was there when Elizabeth needed her.**
- **Mothers know how to remain with others—during times of great need, and significant life changes.**

Conclusion

- **Personal stories
of mothers**

