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“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

—Luke 1:45

—THE SONGS OF LUKE’S GOSPEL—

“THE MAGNIFICAT” - LUKE 1:46-55

Series Introduction:

The Importance of Songs

Background

- Luke 1:26-38 records the annunciation to Mary that she will be the mother of Messiah. Following this, she left to go and visit her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant.

Elizabeth’s Blessing

Luke 1:45— “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

Mary serves as an _____ of faith which is lived out!

Mary’s Song — Luke 1:46-55

Initial Observations

1. This is a song of _____.

2. This is a song filled with the language of _____.

⇒ Remarkably similar to the song of Hannah, sung at the dedication of Samuel (1 Sam. 2:1-10)

⇒ Many of the words and phrases are or direct quotations to various psalms (Psa. 34:3; 35:9; 71:19; 89:2,10; 103:17; 107:9; 111:9)

⇒ Two key OT prophetic passages are alluded to/partially quoted:

Isa. 41:8-10

⁸ But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; ⁹ you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; ¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Micah 7:20

You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

The Content of the Song

Theme:

- ⇒ The Lord is worthy of the praises of His *people* (1:46-49)

- ⇒ The power of God brings *mercy* and *blessings* for His people. (1:50-53)

- ⇒ The power of God brings *judgment* upon His enemies. (1:52-53)

- ⇒ God accomplishes these things according to His *covenant promises*. (1:54-55)

Mary's Example of Faith

1. Mary's _____ was rooted in the promises of God to her and her people.

2. Mary had committed to _____ the promises of God to her and _____ of praise which she could pray to Him.

Questions for Reflection

- How do Mary's example of faith and the words of her song serve as an encouragement to me?
- Which passages of Scripture regarding the promises of God have I committed to memory or do I intend to commit to memory?

Suggested Memory Verses:

1 Sam. 1:10—The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

Rev. 1:7—Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.