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# Advent 2017

—THE SONGS OF LUKE’S GOSPEL—



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—Luke 1:45

## “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

<sup>8</sup> But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; <sup>9</sup> 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”; <sup>10</sup> 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.