3.	This child will be the promised
<u>Ke</u>	<u>y Point:</u> It is not just the birth of the deliverer that is miraculous, it is His very
to	he child born destined to become God's ideal king is far more that a human ruler. He is in fact the "mighty God" who will come rule the kingdom of God on earth. He is Immanuel ("God with us"), and Isaiah can say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your d!" (40:9)." —Edward Hindson, <i>The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy</i>
	The Annunciation & Magnificat - Luke 1:26-38, 46-56
Ob	servations
1.	Mary's position in the world at this time was one of
2.	The angel's words to her recalled Isaiah's prophecies in great detail.
3.	Mary trusted in the power of God and she herself to His will.
4.	Mary's song is filled with the words of Scripture that extol God for both His and <u>Zeph. 3:17</u> —The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save
	<u>Psa. 89:10</u> —You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
	<u>Psa. 107:9</u> —For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things
<u>Ke</u>	<u>y Point:</u> Mary's confidence was in the Lord her God who was to deliver His people and who purposed to do so in accordance with His promises by the birth of her son.
Trusting in the God Who Delivers	
•	Isaiah's prophecies emphasized God's and His personal with His people.
	<u>Isa. 9:2, 6</u> — ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
•	Mary's song emphasized God's knowledge of His people's and His willingness to meet them through the keeping of His promises.
	<u>Luke 1:46-48, 54-55</u> — ⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

For Reflection During Advent

- How do you see the enemies of God and His people at work in the world today?
- What are your personal struggles and difficulties from which you long to be delivered?
- How does the incarnation of the Lord Jesus give us hope in the face of the above?