

# Mary's Christmas Song

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Luke 1:26-56

## I. Introduction

**A glimpse of the true meaning of Christmas will cause us to magnify God for His mercy!**

## II. Mary Magnifies God b/c of His Mercy Toward Her and Others

### A) Mercy Toward Her (v.48)

Mary magnifies her Lord and Savior! This is personal not just some theological expression. Mary herself is not free from sin, but is in need of a Savior.

Mary magnifies God because 'he has looked on' meaning chosen her to bear the Messiah

Mary magnifies God because she is God's servant – willing to do whatever. Mary is aware that God has given her a special place by having her give birth to the Messiah (v.48b).

### B) Mercy Toward Others (v.50)

God shows mercy to those who fear him! Mary is a God-fearer who has acknowledged God in his high and holy position.

God's favor is specifically directed to those who fear God. Fearing God is a description of those who acknowledge God's position and authority (like Mary). It is those who love God and keep his commandments and follow his ways. It is reverent, humble obedience that seeks to please God.

## III. Mary Magnifies God b/c of Who He Is

### A) His Character

Lord  
Savior  
Mighty  
Holy  
Merciful

### B) His Acts

Shown Strength with His arm, Scatters the Proud  
Brings down the mighty, Exalts the humble  
Fills the Hungry, Sends Away the Rich Empty

He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

**IV. Mary Magnifies God b/c of His Covenant Keeping**  
Covenant Promise to Abraham was before the Law!

Galatians 3:7-9

*“Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”*

Genesis 12:2,3

*“And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

**V. Conclusion**

- 1) Ponder the Wonder of Christmas
- 2) Magnify God for His Salvation of You
- 3) Humble Yourself Before Him
- 4) Commit to be His servant – whatever you want Lord!