



Mary's Song

THE MAGNIFICAT LUKE 1:48-55

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- v. 46 (ESV)

Magnificat anima mea Dominum (Latin) • “My soul magnifies the Lord” (English)

ABOUT MARY

- Surprisingly, the Bible says very little about this Mary.
- When she is first mentioned, she is in the presence of an angel.
- She was young and poor.
- She's mentioned in record at the birth of Jesus, when Jesus was in the temple at age 12, when Jesus performed his first public miracles, at the Crucifixion and at the Holy Spirit's arrival at Pentecost.
- She is from the hilltop village of Nazareth in northern Israel.
- She married Joseph.
- Only Mary was there both when Jesus was born and when He died.
- She was a virgin until Christ was born and then gave birth to James, Joseph, Simon, Judas and “sisters.” (cf., Matthew 13:55-56)
- She is *beloved* but *not holy*—we do not and will not worship her.

ABOUT MARY'S SONG

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Now, Mary Thanks the Lord for Six Things:

1. His Notice

Luke 1:46–48, NLT -⁴⁶ Mary responded, “Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. ⁴⁷ How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! ⁴⁸ For He took notice of His lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

2. His Holiness

Luke 1:49, NASB95 -⁴⁹ “For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.

3. His Mercy

Luke 1:50, KJV 1900 -⁵⁰ And His mercy is on them that fear Him From generation to generation.

4. His Power

Luke 1:51, NCV -⁵¹ He has done mighty deeds by His power. He has scattered the people who are proud and think great things about themselves.

5. His Sovereignty

Luke 1:52–53, TLB -⁵² He has torn princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. ⁵³ He has satisfied the hungry hearts and sent the rich away with empty hands.

6. His Faithfulness

Luke 1:54–55, NIV84 -⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.”

LESSONS FROM MARY'S LIFE AND SONG

- A. Serving God will not always be easy.
- B. Faithfulness and obedience pay spiritual dividends.
- C. Be more concerned with what God thinks rather than what people think.
- D. Even in a tough situation, Mary wanted most to “magnify” her God.