



Magnify the Lord

Luke 1:39-56 ESV

SERMON NOTES

I. MARY'S SUDDEN TRIP WASN'T A HASTY DECISION.

Luke 1:39–40 *In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.*

II. A SPIRIT-FILLED SONG & A DIVINE ENCOUNTER.

Luke 1:41–45 *And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”*

III. MARY'S MAGNIFICAT MODELS YOUR PURPOSE.

Luke 1:46–49 *And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q1. What is the chief end of mankind?

A1. Mankind's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

IV. WHY MAGNIFY THE LORD? 3 REASONS:

1. God lifts up those who magnify him.

Luke 1:50 *And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.*

1 Peter 5:6 *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

2. God humbles those who magnify themselves.

Luke 1:51-53 *He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.*

3. God always keeps His promises.

Luke 1:54-55 *He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*

V. MARY ACED HER FIRST TRIMESTER OF DTS.

Luke 1:56 *And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.*

This Christmas season, who are you magnifying?

Psalm 34:3 *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*