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The Songs of Christmas!

Focus Verses: Luke 1:46-47, 68-69 - ⁴⁶ And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, ⁴⁷ And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. ⁶⁸ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, ⁶⁹ And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.

Lesson Text: Luke 1:46-55, 67-79

Truth About God: The Incarnation brought joy to the entire world.

Truth For My Life: I will praise God for His incarnation.

God worked a miracle for Mary and Elisabeth. When an angel appeared to Mary with this greeting: *“Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus”* (Luke 1:30-31). Gabriel continued his unexpected message to Mary, announcing, *“Thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age”* (Luke 1:36). What a revelation! Elisabeth heard Mary’s voice, the babe leaped in her womb, and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. Then she prophesied to Mary, saying Mary was indeed carrying the Messiah in her womb. What a comfort to Mary to know what the angel had declared was already coming to pass. What a comfort to know someone else believed her story without even hearing it. What excitement to hear Elisabeth proclaim it with the power of the Holy Ghost in her words.

“Mary’s Song,” recorded in Luke 1:46-50. Mary had no idea her praise to God would become a portion of holy Scripture. It is beautiful to read how thankful Mary was to be called blessed and to be regarded by God in her low estate. Clearly, she saw herself as unworthy, but her passionate song testifies of God as a loving and caring God who sees people where they are and chooses them anyway, regardless of talent, race, gender, or class distinction.

We may not have been the recipient of an angelic visitation, but the God of angelic hosts loves each of us. He has surely seen us in our low estate and has shown us the mercy Mary mentioned stretches from generation to generation. Let’s join Mary in her song and declare He had done great things for us and holy is His name.

Zacharias also was filled with the Holy Ghost and proclaimed great praise to God (Luke 1:67-75). Zacharias prophesied Jesus would be our Savior. Even after four hundred years of silence—the dark ages of the Bible when God spoke not a word, nor had any more prophets to speak on His behalf—God had not forgotten His promises. He had not forgotten His people. Not only did Zacharias’s Benedictus tell of the love of God for His people, but it prophesied of good things to come for them. He told of God’s mercy, “whereby the dayspring from on high” would visit. God came to shine radiant light on the darkness of the earth. He came to guide us to peace. He came to be God with us. He came to be our Savior.

We each have a song of praise to offer our great God. He is our Savior, Redeemer, King, Lord, Ruler, Creator, Healer, Defense, Shield, Buckler, Waymaker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness. When we begin to think about the goodness of God in our lives, a song of praise erupts from within. It is not Mary’s song or Zacharias’s song: it is our song.

This Christmas, sing out a song of praise to Jesus with all your heart. Stretch your arms high and wide to Him, like He did for us. Let your own Benedictus erupt from your heart to the one who left His heavenly home and royal throne to dwell among us, to become one of us. Oh, what a Savior. Hallelujah! Let our lives loudly proclaim His amazing grace.