

LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR HAS  
COME, WEEK 5

TITLE: THE MAGNIFICAT

TEXT: LUKE 1:46-56

INTRODUCTION: (1) IN OUR CORPORATE GATHERING TODAY, WE HAVE COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD, WE HAVE COME TO MAGNIFY HIM.

\* THE PSALMIST SAID IN PSALM 34:3.

\*\* NOW THE WORD MAGNIFY IN THIS VERSE LIT. MEANS TO GROW, TO MAKE GREAT OR IMPORTANT, TO PROMOTE, TO PRAISE, TO DO SOMETHING GREAT.

\*\*\* AND CERTAINLY THAT IS ONE OF THE PURPOSES WE ARE IN THIS WORSHIP CENTER TODAY, TO ENLARGE OUR GREAT GOD, TO DECLARE AND STUDY HOW GREAT HE IS, TO PROMOTE HIS WILL, TO PRAISE HIS NAME, TO DECLARE HIS IMPORTANCE.

\*\*\*\* SO IN ESSENCE WE WANT TO TAKE A GREAT MAGNIFYING GLASS AND SHOW HOW BIG GOD IS IN HIS WORD AND IN HIS WORLD AS CREATOR.

(2) SO I LOVE THE WORD MAGNIFY.

\* AND THAT WORD IS USED IN PSALM 69:30 WHERE IT SAYS - "I WILL PRAISE THE NAME OF GOD WITH SONG AND MAGNIFY HIM WITH THANKSGIVING."

\*\* AND THIS HEBREW WORD USED IN PSALM 69:30 IS ALSO TRANSLATED MAGNIFIED IN PSALM 40:16 AND PSALM 70:4 WHERE IT SAYS -

PSALM 40:16 - LET ALL WHO SEEK YOU REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN YOU; LET THOSE WHO LOVE YOUR SALVATION SAY CONTINUALLY, **"THE LORD BE MAGNIFIED!"**

PSALM 70:4 - LET ALL WHO SEEK YOU REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN YOU; AND LET THOSE WHO LOVE YOUR SALVATION SAY CONTINUALLY, **“LET GOD BE MAGNIFIED.”**

\*\*\* AND BELOVED OUR HEART TODAY SHOULD BE, **“LORD BE MAGNIFIED!”** BE MAGNIFIED IN MY WORSHIP, BE MAGNIFIED IN MY LIFE, AND LORD GOD, EVEN BE MAGNIFIED IN MY DEATH.

\*\*\*\* AND UNDERSTANDING TRUTH AND THEOLOGY ABOUT GOD, AND UNDERSTANDING WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US SHOULD BRING THIS RIGHT RESPONSE OF WANTING TO MAGNIFY HIM.

(3) IT IS TO SAY, MAGNIFYING JESUS CHRIST IS A RIGHT RESPONSE OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN IN WHAT OUR LORD HAS DONE FOR US AND WHO IS IN HIS BEING, CHARACTER AND ATTRIBUTES.

\* AND AS WE COME TO OUR TEXT TODAY, HOPE AND PRAISE AND WORSHIP PROCEED FROM **MARY'S HEART IN RESPONSE TO HER HEARING** FROM THE ANGEL GABRIEL THAT SHE WOULD CONCEIVE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT A CHILD WHO WOULD BE THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH, WHO WOULD BE NAMED JESUS.

\*\* HER OFFSPRING WOULD BE HOLY AND HUMAN, THE SON OF GOD AND THE SON OF MAN.

\*\*\* AND AFTER GABRIEL DEPARTS FROM HER, MARY HURRIES TO A TOWN IN JUDEA FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE WHERE SHE WAS GOING TO SEE HER OLDER FAMILY MEMBER ELIZABETH WHO WAS PREGNANT WITH JOHN THE BAPTIZER, A MIRACLE IN ITSELF AS SHE WAS OLDER AND BARREN.

\*\*\*\* AND ON HER WAY, MARY, NO DOUBT MEDITATED ON THE MARVELOUS MYSTERY WHICH HAD BEEN REVEALED TO HER BY THE ANGEL GABRIEL.

(4) SHE – AN UNMARRIED YOUNG WOMAN WHO HAD LIVED A LIFE OF PURITY, BEING A VIRGIN, WAS GOING TO BECOME THE MOTHER OF THE SON OF GOD!

\* AND AS SHE ARRIVES TO VISIT WITH ELIZABETH AND ZACHARIAS HER HUSBAND, MARY GREETES ELIZABETH AND THE BABY IN **ELIZABETH'S WOMB** LEAPS FOR JOY AND ELIZABETH IS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

\*\* AND IN A LOUD VOICE SHE, ELIZABETH, **EXCLAIMS IN LUKE 1:42&43: "BLESSED AMONG WOMEN ARE YOU, MARY, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB, MARY! AND HOW HAS IT HAPPENED TO ME, THAT THE MOTHER OF MY LORD SHOULD COME TO ME?"**

\*\*\* NOW MARY HEARD THIS FROM ELIZABETH WHICH CONFIRMED WHAT THE ANGEL GABRIEL SAID TO HER.

\*\*\*\* AND HER RESPONSE IS RECORDED IN LUKE 1:46-55. AND THE POPULAR TITLE FOR THIS **RESPONSE TO THE ANGEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND ELIZABETH'S WORDS IS "THE MAGNIFICAT"**.

(5) AND THIS TITLE IS TAKEN FROM THE LATIN TRANSLATION OF THE WORD MAGNIFY OR EXALTS OR GLORIFIES DEPENDING ON WHICH TRANSLATION YOU HAVE AND THE MAGNIFICAT IS MARY MAGNIFYING HER GOD.

\* **AND THIS IS MARY'S SONG, A HYMN** OF PRAISE IN RESPONSE TO WHAT SHE HAS BEEN TOLD.

\*\* **AND MARY'S SONG HAS FOUR STANZAS TO** HER HYMN OF PRAISE AND MAGNIFICATION.

\*\*\* STANZA NO. 1 COVERS VERSES 46-48,  
STANZA NO. 2 COVERS VERSES 49&50,  
STANZA NO. 3 COVERS VERSES 51-53 AND  
STANZA NO. 4 COVERS VERSES 54&55.

\*\*\*\* AND THAT IS OUR OUTLINE FOR TODAY AS **WE LOOK AT MARY'S SONG OF PRAISE, AND LOOK AT 4 STANZAS OF THAT SONG, WHICH I'VE TITLED THE MAGNIFICAT.**

(6) AND WITHOUT ANY FURTHER **INTRODUCTION, LET'S JUMP RIGHT INTO THE FIRST STANZA BY LOOKING AT V. 46 PLEASE.**

I. STANZA NO. 1, (READ V. 46)

A. NOW IN STANZA NO.1, MARY BEGINS WITH AWE, **FOR TRULY THIS IS MARY'S RESPONSE TO WHAT SHE HAS HEARD.**

\* THERE IS AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE OF REVERENCE, WONDER AND WORSHIP.

\*\* AND HER AWE BEGINS, **MARY SAYS: "MY SOUL EXALTS THE LORD."**

\*\*\* NOW THE WORD EXALTS IN THE NAS, TRANSLATED GLORIFIES IN THE NIV, MAGNIFY IN THE KJV AND MAGNIFIES IN THE NKJV AND ESV, IS A GREEK WORD WHICH LIT. MEANS TO MAKE GREAT, TO ESTEEM HIGHLY, TO EXTOL, TO LAUD, TO CELEBRATE, TO GIVE GLORY AND PRAISE.

\*\*\*\* AND MARY IS SAYING MY SOUL MAKES GREAT THE LORD, MY SOUL ENLARGES THE LORD.

1. AND OF COURSE, GOD CANNOT BE MADE ANY BIGGER THAN HE ALREADY IS, BUT HE CAN BE ENLARGED OR MAGNIFIED – HIGHLY ESTEEMED **IN ONE'S LIFE.**

\* FOR WE MAGNIFY OR ENLARGE GOD WHEN WE TAKE INTO OUR THINKING SOME NEW ASPECT **OF GOD'S GREATNESS** OR AN ATTRIBUTE OF GOD THAT JUST HITS US AND HUMBLER US.



\*\* FOR EXAMPLE WHEN WE MEDITATE FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE MAGNIFICENT TEXTS OF CREATION, PERHAPS GENESIS 1:1, PSALM 33:8&9, PSALM 148:5, COLOSSIANS 1:15-18, JOHN 1:1-3 OR HEBREWS 1:1-3, AND WHEN WE DO THIS, OUR THOUGHTS REGARDING GOD ARE ENLARGED, MAGNIFIED, WE HAVE GREAT, HUGE, GINORMUS, BIG THOUGHTS OF HIM WHICH LEAD TO SMALL THOUGHTS OF OURSELVES, PROPER PERSPECTIVE - HUMILITY.

**\*\*\* LIKewise, MEDITATION ON CHRIST'S DEATH** AND ATONEMENT IN THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS WILL EXPAND OUR THEOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE. (AND EVEN THE EXTENT OF THE ATONEMENT AND THE ABSOLUTE SUCCESS AND VICTORY OF THE ATONEMENT.)

\*\*\*\* AND MY POINT IS: THE FULLER OUR **KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GREATNESS, THE** GREATER OUR ABILITY TO ENLARGE HIM.

2. WELL, MARY, AFTER THE ANNUNCIATION OF GABRIEL AND HER VISIT WITH ELIZABETH, BEGAN TO THINK BIGGER AND GREATER THOUGHTS OF HER GOD THAN EVER BEFORE.

**\* I MEAN HER THOUGHTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN, "A GOD WHO COULD DO WHAT HE DID IN MY WOMB, WHAT MUST HE BE ABLE TO DO IN THE UNIVERSE?"**

\*\* SO HER SOUL ENLARGED THE LORD AND HER MOUTH Poured FORTH GREATER THOUGHTS THAN EVER BEFORE OF HIM. NOW LOOK AT V. 47 AS SHE CONTINUES.

B. READ V. 47. **NOW MARY'S SONG CONTINUES** AS SHE REJOICES IN GOD HER SAVIOR.

\* AND THE VERB REJOICED LIT. MEANS TO EXULT, TO REJOICE EXCEEDINGLY, TO BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD.

\*\* AND JOY JUST FILLS HER HEART AS SHE THINKS OF THE TRUTH THAT GOD WAS THE GOD OF HER SALVATION.

\*\*\* FOR SHE CALLS GOD, MY SAVIOR. AND SAVIOR HERE LIT. MEANS DELIVERER, PRESERVER, THE ONE WHO SAVES.

\*\*\*\* AND THIS IS A PROFOUND TRUTH THAT INDICATES THAT MARY RECOGNIZED HER OWN NEED OF A SAVIOR AND THAT SHE KNEW THE TRUE GOD AS HER SAVIOR.

1. BUT LET ME TAKE THIS A STEP FURTHER, WHOM SPECIFICALLY WOULD BE HER SAVIOR?

\* THE ANSWER IS THE VERY CHILD THAT WAS CONCEIVED IN HER WOMB BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

\*\* IN FACT, SHE KNEW THAT BECAUSE WHEN GABRIEL MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO HER ABOUT THE CHILD IN LUKE 1:31, SHE WAS TOLD THAT SHE WOULD NAME HIM JESUS.

\*\*\* AND WHAT DOES THE NAME JESUS MEAN?

\*\*\*\* THE ANSWER IS SAVIOR, JEHOVAH IS SALVATION, JEHOVAH WILL SAVE, A FORM OF THE HEBREW JOSHUA OR JESHUA, AND MATTHEW 1:21 BRINGS FORTH THIS TRUTH. (QUOTE IT).

2. AND MARY, A JEW, KNEW WHAT THE WORD JESUS MEANT. JESUS MEANT SAVIOR, HER SON WOULD BE HER SAVIOR.

\* AND IMPLIED IN THE TRUTH OF NEEDING A SAVIOR MEANS WHAT? THAT YOU ARE A SINNER IN NEED OF A SAVIOR.

**\*\* AND MARY'S WORDS REMIND US THAT MARY NEVER THOUGHT OF HERSELF AS IMMACULATE (MEANING FREE FROM THE TAIN OF ORIGINAL SIN).**

\*\*\* MARY ACKNOWLEDGED HER NEED OF A SAVIOR, AND IF YOU NEED A SAVIOR, YOU ARE A SINNER, AND NO SINNER SHOULD EVER BE WORSHIPPED.

\*\*\*\* AND ONLY GOD IS WITHOUT SIN AND HOLY AND THUS SHOULD BE WORSHIPPED.

3. YET SADLY, MARIOLATRY, THE WORSHIP OF MARY, HAS BEEN PRACTICED BY PEOPLE WHO TURN HER INTO AN IDOL AND VENERATE HER AND EVEN PRAY TO HER. AND THIS IS NO MINOR ISSUE, IT IS SACRILEGE.

\* IT IS FLAT OUT WRONG AND SINFUL. MARY WAS A VIRTUOUS YOUNG TEENAGE WOMAN, A CHOSEN VESSEL, ONE WHO WAS BLESSED AS **WE'LL SEE.**

\*\* BUT SHE REALIZED HER NEED OF GRACE AND A SAVIOR. AND MAY WE NEVER WORSHIP ANY MAN OR WOMAN OR SO-CALLED SAINT, BUT GOD AND GOD ALONE!

\*\*\* BELOVED MARY REJOICED IN GOD HER SAVIOR. AND HER AWE AND HER RESPONSE OF HUMILITY IS BROUGHT FORTH IN OUR NEXT VERSE. LOOK AT V. 48 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 48. NOW THIS VERSE HAS BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD WHEN TAKEN OUT OF ITS CONTEXT. AND OUR CONTEXT IS WORSHIP AND PRAISE, AWE AND WONDER IN WHAT GOD WOULD DO – NOT IN WHAT MARY WOULD DO.

\* AND HERE IN V. 48 WHAT SHINES FORTH IS A DEEP SENSE OF HUMILITY AND AWE FOR HER GOD HAS HAD REGARD, LITERALLY HE HAS LOOKED UPON HER HUMBLE STATE, HER LOWLY POSITION IN SOCIETY.

\*\* FOR **YOU SEE "HUMBLE STATE" MOST LIKELY** REFERS TO HER LOW SOCIAL POSITION, THE BETROTHED WIFE OF A VILLAGE CARPENTER WHO WAS POOR AS WE PUT OTHER SCRIPTURE TOGETHER – WE SEE THAT.

\*\*\* MARY WAS A POOR NOBODY FROM A NON-**PLACE, GOD'S BONDSLAVE, A FEMALE** SLAVE OF THE LORD.

**\*\*\*\* THAT'S HOW SHE VIEWED HERSELF. SHE**  
HAD PROPER PERSPECTIVE. AND GOD CHOOSES  
TO USE THE HUMBLE AND LOWLY AND RESISTS  
THE PROUD, AS JAMES 4:6 SAYS: (ALSO QUOTE  
MATTHEW 23:12).

1. AND AURELIUS AUGUSTINUS, BETTER  
KNOWN AS ST. AUGUSTINE UNDERSTOOD THIS  
**TRUTH AND WROTE: "FOR THOSE WHO WOULD  
LEARN GOD'S WAYS, HUMILITY IS THE FIRST  
THING, HUMILITY IS THE SECOND, AND  
HUMILITY IS THE THIRD." (END QUOTE)**

\* AND THE NECESSITY OF HUMILITY IS A  
COMMON THREAD IN SCRIPTURE AND HIS  
INCARNATION, FOR CHRIST COMES TO THE  
LOWLY, AND HE USES THE LOWLY AND THOSE  
PEOPLE ARE BLESSED, FOR MATTHEW 5:3-5  
SAYS: (QUOTE THEM).

**\*\* AND AS WE'LL SEE AS WE MOVE ON IN V. 48**  
AND FROM WHAT ELIZABETH HAS ALREADY  
SAID IN LUKE 1:42, MARY WAS BLESSED.

\*\*\* FOR MARY COMMUNICATES IN THE WONDER OF HER POSITION AS AN ORDINARY YOUNG TEENAGER IN A PEASANT TOWN, PEOPLE WOULD CALL HER BLESSED.

\*\*\*\* **"FOR BEHOLD, FROM THIS TIME ON GENERATIONS WILL CALL ME BLESSED."**

2. NOW LEST WE MISUNDERSTAND THIS, REMEMBER MARY HAS JUST PRONOUNCED HER HUMBLE STATE.

\* FURTHERMORE, THE WORD BEHOLD OR LOOK WAS AN EXCLAMATION OF SURPRISE. MARY IS IN AWE, WE HAVE HERE A STATEMENT OF WONDER THAT GOD WOULD USE HER, AND ALL GENERATIONS ARE GOING TO PRAISE GOD BECAUSE OF THE MARVELOUS MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS HONORED HER. WOW, I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THIS! - IS THE IDEA FROM MARY?



\*\* AND IT WAS A HUGE HONOR TO BE CHOSEN TO BRING FORTH THE SON OF GOD INTO THE WORLD, MARY WAS TRULY BLESSED, AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BLESSING AND COUNT HER BLESSED. AND MARY IS BLOWN AWAY BY THIS.

**\*\*\* BUT AGAIN, WE DON'T WORSHIP HER. MARY** WAS PRIVILEGED, USED BY GOD, A SPECIAL PERSON, BLESSED, AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AND REJOICE THAT GOD WOULD CHOOSE HER AND THAT GOD WOULD BLESS US THROUGH HER BY BRINGING FORTH OUR SAVIOR.

\*\*\*\* MARY WAS HIGHLY FAVORED AND BLESSED BEING THE MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH. AND GENERATIONS SINCE THAT TIME THAT KNOW CHRIST, COUNT MARY BLESSED.

3. BUT WE WILL SEE, ALL THE PRAISE WILL GO BACK TO THE GOD WHO MANIFESTS GRACE TO HER.

\* FOR AS WE MOVE ON, WE GO FROM THE AWE OF MARY TO THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD THAT BROUGHT HER AWE. LOOK AT V. 49 PLEASE **WHERE WE'LL START TO SEE OUR 2'D POINT** TODAY, STANZA NO. 2.

II. STANZA NO. 2, (READ V. 49)

A. NOW MARY PRAISES GOD FOR 3 OF HIS DIVINE ATTRIBUTES IN VV. 49&50, HIS POWER, HIS HOLINESS AND HIS MERCY.

\* AND FIRST OF ALL HIS POWER, AND THIS IS BROUGHT FORTH BY THE WORD MIGHTY IN REFERENCE TO GOD WHICH MEANS ABLE, POWERFUL AND STRONG.

\*\* SO IN ESSENCE THE REFERENCE TO GOD AS THE MIGHTY ONE MAKES REFERENCE **TO GOD'S** POWER.

\*\*\* AND IN HIS POWER GOD DID GREAT THINGS FOR MARY.

**\*\*\*\* FOR MARY HAD EXPERIENCED GOD'S POWER AT CONCEPTION WHEN ACCORDING TO LUKE 1:35 IN THIS CONTEXT, "THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH OVERSHADOWED HER."**

\*\*\*\*\* IN FACT V. 35 SAYS: THE ANGEL ANSWERED AND SAID TO HER, THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU; AND FOR THAT REASON THE HOLY CHILD SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD.

1. AND THEN PROPHETICALLY THE ONE MARY CARRIED IN HER WOMB WAS IDENTIFIED IN ISAIAH 9:6 AS THE MIGHTY GOD, THE POWERFUL GOD. (QUOTE IT).

**\* AND THEN BECAUSE OF GOD'S MIGHTY POWER,** MARY NOT ONLY WOULD HAVE A HOLY OFFSPRING, BUT IN LUKE 1:36 ELIZABETH WHO WAS BARREN AND OLD CONCEIVED. AND WHAT FOLLOWS THAT TRUTH IN THIS CONTEXT IS LUKE 1:37 IS (QUOTE IT).

\*\* AND NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD BECAUSE HE IS THE MIGHTY ONE, HE IS ALL-POWERFUL. AND MARY CALLS GOD HERE THE MIGHTY ONE IN RESPONSE TO WHAT HE WAS DOING IN AND THROUGH HER.

\*\*\* BUT NEXT IN V. 49, MARY SPEAKS OF GOD'S **HOLINESS, FOR SHE SAID, "HOLY IS HIS NAME"**.

\*\*\*\* AND MARY WAS THE FIRST TO KNOW THAT THE SON SHE WOULD BRING FORTH WOULD BE **"THE HOLY ONE", BECAUSE GABRIEL HAD** CAREFULLY INSTRUCTED HER IN THIS IN LUKE 1:35.

**2. AND THUS SHE PRAISED GOD, SAYING, "HOLY IS HIS NAME." AND GOD'S HOLINESS MORE** THAN ANY OTHER OF HIS ATTRIBUTES DESCRIBES HIS ESSENCE, HIS BEING, HIS NATURE, AND WHAT UNDERGIRDS ALL OF HIS ATTRIBUTES.

\* GOD IS ABSOLUTELY PURE, HE IS WITHOUT SIN, A GOD OF LIGHT, HE IS INCAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING WRONG, HE IS SEPARATE, SET APART, FOR HIS HOLINESS IS HIS UTTER OTHERNESS, MEANING HE IS NOT LIKE US IN ANY WAY AND SIN OFFENDS HIS HOLINESS. **DON'T BRING HIM DOWN AND TRY TO MAKE HIM LIKE US.**

**\*\* MARY SAID, HOLY IS HIS NAME. SHE DIDN'T SAY SHE WAS HOLY, BUT THAT GOD WAS HOLY.**

**\*\*\* BUT MOVING ON WE'LL SEE** ANOTHER ATTRIBUTE IN HER HYMN OF PRAISE IN V. 50. LOOK AT V. 50 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 50. NOW THE THIRD ATTRIBUTE MARY BRINGS FORTH IN HER HYMN IS MERCY.

**\* GOD'S MERCY IS UPON EVERY GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.**

\*\* AND THE WORD MERCY IN THE GREEK HERE HAS TO DO WITH KINDNESS OR GOOD WILL TOWARDS THE MISERABLE AND AFFLICTED, JOINED, CONNECTED WITH A DESIRE TO HELP THEM AND THE ABILITY AND POWER TO DO WHAT IS DESIRED.

\*\*\* AND BELOVED THE INCARNATION AND ADVENT OF CHRIST WAS TRULY AN ACT OF MERCY. FOR WE WERE MISERABLE AND AFFLICTED BY OUR SIN, BUT GOD MOVED IN HIS ABILITY AND POWER TO HELP US IN OUR MINISTRY, TO SAVE US, TO RESCUE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS THROUGH THE SAVIOR WHO WOULD BE BORN AND DIE AND RISE AGAIN.

\*\*\*\* **AND SINCE CHRIST'S BIRTH, UPON EVERY** GENERATION, THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, REVERENCE GOD, THOSE WHO VENERATE HIM, THOSE WHO TURN TO CHRIST, MERCY IS GIVEN.

\*\*\*\*\* SO THERE ARE 3 DIVINE PERFECTIONS OF WHICH MARY SINGS – POWER, HOLINESS AND MERCY, BUT IT IS MERCY THAT BRINGS THEM TO **BEAR ON GOD'S OWN.**

III. STANZA NO. 3, (READ V. 51)

A. NOW IN THE FINAL TWO STANZAS OF **MARY'S SONG, SHE RECOUNTS WHAT GOD HAD** DONE FOR HIS PEOPLE (ISRAEL) IN THE PAST, SHE BEGINS TO PRAISE GOD FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF HIS POWER AND MERCY.

\* AND YOU WILL SEE A KIND OF DIVINE REVERSAL IN THESE VERSES. GOD BRINGS DOWN THE PROUD, HE EXALTS THE HUMBLE, HE FILLS THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS, HE HAS MERCY ON HIS PEOPLE.

\*\* AND SPECIFICALLY HERE IN V. 51, IN THE PAST THE LORD HAS DONE MIGHTY THINGS WITH HIS ARM.

**\*\*\* AND GOD'S ARM DENOTES HIS POWER, HIS MIGHT, HIS STRENGTH.**

\*\*\*\* IN FACT IN PSALM 89:13 THE PSALMIST **SAID IN PRAISE TO THE LORD: "YOU HAVE A STRONG ARM, YOUR HAND IS MIGHTY, YOUR RIGHT HAND IS EXALTED."**

**1. SO GOD'S ARM IS STRONG, AND THE ARM OF GOD IS AN EXPRESSION TO SHOW HIS MIGHT AND POWER.**

\* AND OF COURSE GOD BROUGHT HIS PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT WITH A MIGHTY HAND AND A STRONG ARM IN THE EXODUS IN THE PAST.

\*\* AND A PART OF JEWISH WORSHIP IN THAT DAY WAS RECALLING AND RECOUNTING WHAT THE LORD GOD DID IN HIS MIGHTY DEEDS FOR **THEM AND FOCUSING ON GOD'S MIGHTY DEEDS BROUGHT PRAISE.**



\*\*\* THEN NEXT IN V. 51, MARY PRAISES THE LORD THAT HE HAS SCATTERED THOSE WHO WERE PROUD IN THE THOUGHTS OF THEIR HEART.

\*\*\*\* **AND POSSIBLY MARY HAD PHARAOH'S** ARROGANCE AND PRIDE IN MIND IN EXODUS 5:2 WHERE IT SAYS IN EXODUS 5:1&2 -

V. 1 - AND AFTERWARD MOSES AND AARON **CAME AND SAID TO PHARAOH, "THUS SAYS THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, 'LET MY PEOPLE GO THAT THEY MAY CELEBRATE A FEAST TO ME IN THE WILDERNESS.'"**

V. 2 - **BUT PHARAOH SAID, "WHO IS THE LORD THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIS VOICE TO LET ISRAEL GO? I DO NOT KNOW THE LORD, AND BESIDES, I WILL NOT LET ISRAEL GO."**

2. AND CERTAINLY PHARAOH WAS A PROUD MAN OR MARY COULD HAVE HAD NEBUCHADNEZZAR IN MIND WHEN HIS HEART WAS LIFTED UP AND GOD HUMBLED HIM.

\* BUT WHOMEVER MARY HAD IN MIND FROM O.T. HISTORY, THE TRUTH WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND IS, GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE, JAMES 4:6. (QUOTE IT)

\*\* AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE AFFAIRS OF MANKIND AND THOSE WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY, GOD BRINGS DOWN RULERS FROM THE THRONE IN HIS POWER. LOOK AT V. 52 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 52. NOW VERSE 52 REMINDS ME OF TWO GREAT TRUTHS. NO. 1 GOD BRINGS DOWN RULERS, ESPECIALLY PROUD ONES IN HIS TIMES AND EXALTS THE HUMBLE. QUOTE MATTHEW 23:12 AND I PETER 5:5.

\* AND THE WAY UP WITH THE LORD IS DOWN; PROPER PERSPECTIVE, VIEWING ALL OF LIFE AND TALENTS AND GIFTS AS A GRACIOUS GIFT FROM THE LORD.

**\*\* BUT THE 2'D THING I SEE IN MARY'S SONG IN PRAISE TO THE LORD IS GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN RAISING UP AND BRINGING DOWN RULERS IN THE WORLD.**

\*\*\* THEREFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR WOULD SAY AFTER GOD HAD BROUGHT HIM DOWN, THESE WORDS IN DANIEL 4:37 - NOW I, NEBUCHADNEZZAR, PRAISE, EXALT AND HONOR THE KING OF HEAVEN, FOR ALL HIS WORKS ARE TRUE AND HIS WAYS JUST, AND HE IS ABLE TO HUMBLE THOSE WHO WALK IN **PRIDE.**"

\*\*\*\* AND THEN DANIEL SAID TO BELSHAZZAR THE SON OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR THESE WORDS IN DANIEL 5:20&21 IN TALKING ABOUT HIS FATHER AND APPLYING IT TO HIM -

V. 20 - BUT WHEN HIS HEART WAS LIFTED UP AND HIS SPIRIT BECAME SO PROUD THAT HE BEHAVED ARROGANTLY, HE WAS DEPOSED FROM HIS ROYAL THRONE AND HIS GLORY WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM.

V. 21 - HE WAS ALSO DRIVEN AWAY FROM MANKIND, AND HIS HEART WAS MADE LIKE THAT OF BEASTS, AND HIS DWELLING PLACE WAS WITH THE WILD DONKEYS. HE WAS GIVEN GRASS TO EAT LIKE CATTLE, AND HIS BODY WAS DRENCHED WITH THE DEW OF HEAVEN UNTIL HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE MOST HIGH GOD IS RULER OVER THE REALM OF MANKIND AND THAT HE SETS OVER IT WHOMEVER HE WISHES.

1. AND BELOVED, ACCORDING TO DANIEL 2:21, GOD REMOVES AND ESTABLISHES KINGS -  
"IT IS HE WHO CHANGES THE TIMES AND THE EPOCHS; HE REMOVES KINGS AND ESTABLISHES KINGS; HE GIVES WISDOM TO WISE MEN AND KNOWLEDGE TO MEN OF UNDERSTANDING."

\* AND THEN ROMANS 13:1 SAYS: (QUOTE IT)

\*\* AND MY POINT FROM THESE SCRIPTURES IS, GOD IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY, AND HE EVEN RAISES UP BAD RULERS TO CHASTEN A NATION AS HE DID WITH ISRAEL IN RAISING UP RULERS WHO WOULD COME IN AND BRING THEM INTO CAPTIVITY. AND OUR JOB IS TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE OVER US AND SPEAK OUT WHEN THEY CROSS THE LINE IN DISOBEYING SCRIPTURE.

\*\*\* BUT MOVING ON, LOOK AT V. 53 AS MARY CONTINUES TO MAGNIFY THE LORD.

C. READ V. 53. NOW MARY HERE EXALTS THE LORD THAT IN THE PAST HE HAS FILLED THE **HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS IN ISRAEL'S PAST,** WHICH MAY BE A REFERENCE TO GOD FEEDING HIS CHILDREN WITH MANNA IN THE PAST, BUT ALSO SENDING AWAY THE RICH EMPTY HANDED.

\* AND MOST LIKELY MARY IS MAKING REFERENCE TO THOSE WHO ARE PROUD IN THEIR WEALTH AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

**\*\* AND THIS THIRD STANZA OF MARY'S SONG IS FILLED WITH THE THEME OF HUMILITY. FOR GOD WILL HUMBLE THOSE WHO ARE PROUD IN THEIR INTELLECT, V. 51; PROUD OF THEIR POSITION, V. 52; AND PROUD OF THEIR WEALTH, V. 53.**

**\*\*\* AND EVERYTHING THAT MANKIND BOASTS IN, HIS INTELLECT, HIS POWER, HIS SOCIAL STATUS, HIS MONEY, EVERY ONE OF THEM ARE UTTERLY DEMOLISHED BY A GOD WHO IS JUST AND HOLY, AND THE ONLY ONE WORTHY OF PRAISE AND GLORY.**

**\*\*\*\* GOD ALMIGHTY TURNS THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN, FOR HIS WAYS ARE ABOVE OUR WAYS AND HIS THOUGHTS ARE RIGHT AND ABOVE OUR THOUGHTS, QUOTE ISAIAH 55:8&9.**

**1. AND BELOVED, MARY'S SON, WHO WAS IN HER WOMB, WOULD FURTHER CHANGE THE PLAYING FIELD AS HE WOULD SAVE THE HUMBLE, NOT THE PROUD.**

\* WITH **THAT SAID, LET'S MOVE ON TO MARY'S** FOURTH AND FINAL STANZA OF HER SONG.

\*\* LOOK AT V. 54 PLEASE.

IV. STANZA NO. 4, (READ V. 54)

**A. NOW HERE MARY SINGS OF GOD'S** FAITHFULNESS TO HIS COVENANT PEOPLE ISRAEL, HIS SERVANT.

\* AND LOOKING BACK AT ISRAEL IN THE O.T., WE KNOW ISRAEL WAS NOT ALWAYS A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE LORD, BUT THE LORD IN HIS MERCY WOULD FORGIVE THEM AND HELP THEM, EVEN WHEN THEY WERE NOT WORTHY OF HIS HELP.

\*\* WHICH REMINDS US AS THAT ARE BELIEVERS **TODAY, WE ARE NOT WORTHY OF GOD'S** SALVATION THAT WOULD BE PURCHASED BY **MARY'S SON OR CALVARY'S TREE, BUT THE** LORD IN HIS MERCY DOES NOT GIVE US WHAT WE DESERVE IN JUDGMENT, BUT HAS HAD MERCY ON OUR SOULS, WE WERE UNDESERVING.

\*\*\* AND OF COURSE, MARY DOES NOT THINK THAT SHE IS WORTHY TO BE THE MESSIAH-**SAVIOR'S MOTHER, BUT CERTAINLY IS GRATEFUL** TO THE LORD IN HIS MERCY HE HAS BESTOWED UPON HER AS THE MOTHER OF JESUS WHO IN MERCY AS A JEWISH GIRL, HER SON WOULD BE HER SAVIOR, WOULD FORGIVE HER SINS.

\*\*\*\* WITH THAT SAID, LOOK AT V. 55 PLEASE AS HER SONG CONTINUES.

B. READ V. 55. NOW UNDERSTAND THAT MARY VIEWED ALL OF THE HISTORY OF SALVATION, ALL OF REDEMPTIVE HISTORY AS THE OUTWORKING OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD SPOKE TO THE JEWISH FATHERS STARTING WITH ABRAHAM AND HIS DESCENDENTS ISAAC, JACOB, DAVID, ETC. QUOTE GENESIS 12:3.

**\* AND BELOVED THE SALVATION THAT MARY'S** SON WOULD BRING WAS THE FULFILLMENT THAT IN ABRAHAM, ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WOULD BE BLESSED AND GOD WILL SAVE ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE, NOT JUST JEWS.



**\*\* GOD'S COVENANT IS A DONE DEAL.** AND AS CHRISTIANS, WE ARE THE SPIRITUAL SEED OF ABRAHAM THROUGH FAITH IN HER SON.

**\*\* FOR THE SALVATION PROMISED IN THAT COVENANT WOULD BE CLARIFIED IN THE NEW COVENANT AND WOULD BE RATIFIED THROUGH THE DEATH OF THE VERY CHILD THAT MARY CARRIED IN HER WOMB.**

**\*\*\* FOR IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE SACRIFICIAL DEATH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THAT ALL THE SINS OF THE REDEEMED, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE ARE ATONED FOR.**

**\*\*\*\* AND THAT COVENANT REALITY FORMS THE CONCLUSION OF MARY'S HYMN OF PRAISE AND HER MAGNIFYING HER SAVIOR AND SON. MARY'S SONG ENDS ON AN ETERNAL NOTE OF MERCY.**

**1. AND ALTHOUGH MARY'S SONG ENDS WITH V. 55, I WANT TO CONCLUDE WITH V. 56. LOOK AT V. 56 PLEASE.**

C. READ V. 56. NOW MY PURPOSE IN COVERING **VERSE 56 IS, IT CONCLUDES MARY'S VISIT WITH ELIZABETH.**

\* AND MARY WILL STAY WITH ELIZABETH AND ZACHARIAS FOR 3 MONTHS, PROBABLY HELPING ELIZABETH UNTIL SHE IS FULL TERM, AND THEN LEAVING AS OTHERS WOULD HELP ELIZABETH HAVE THE BABY AND FOR MARY TO MAKE THE 3 TO 4 DAY JOURNEY BACK HOME TO NAZARETH TO MOST LIKELY HER PARENTS HOME AND TO SEE JOSEPH.

IN WRAP UP AND IN APPLICATION: 1) WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SONG MARY SINGS FOR US TODAY. AND WHAT MAKES IT BEAUTIFUL IS NOT THE POINT THAT MARY ACTUALLY SINGS OR NOT, BUT WHAT SHE SAYS IN MAGNIFYING, EXALTING THE GOD OF MERCY.

\* FOR SHE NOT ONLY THANKS THE LORD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR HER, BUT PRAISES HIM FOR WHO HE IS IN HIS BEING AS GOD.

\*\* AND ONE THING THAT JUMPS OUT ABOUT MARY IN HER SONG IS, HOW MUCH SHE KNEW ABOUT O.T. SCRIPTURE. SHE KNEW TRUTH AND IT WAS OBVIOUSLY HIDDEN IN HER HEART, FOR SHE RESPONDS WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF PRAISE.

\*\*\* I MEAN MARY AS A 13 TO 14 YEAR OLD USED THE EXALTED LANGUAGE AND TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE TO PRAISE GOD FOR HIS ATTRIBUTES, HIS PURPOSES AND HIS SOVEREIGNTY.

\*\*\*\* MARY HAD BEEN RAISED ON THE SCRIPTURES, MOST LIKELY THROUGH HER PARENTS AND THE SYNAGOGUE.

(2) AND IT ALL CAME TOGETHER TO HER IN FULFILLMENT THAT HER SON WOULD BE HER REDEEMER AND SAVIOR.

\* AND IT SHOWS THOSE OF US WHOM ARE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, HOW MUCH SCRIPTURE A 13 OR 14 YEAR OLD CAN LEARN AND GRASP, AND HOW IT CAN BE USED TO MAGNIFY THE LORD IN APPLICATION.

\*\* I MEAN SOMEONE, MOST LIKELY HER PARENTS, DID A GREAT JOB OF TEACHING HER THE SCRIPTURES AND SHE MUST HAVE MEMORIZED, FOR HER RECALL AND APPLICATION IS AMAZING.

\*\*\* THUS, EVERY PARENT WITH CHILDREN AT HOME TODAY SHOULD ASK, HOW AM I DOING IN TEACHING MY CHILDREN THE SCRIPTURES AND MEMORIZING THOSE SCRIPTURES? ONE OF THE REASONS I HAVE ALWAYS LIKED AWANA, PSALM 119:9&11&16. AND II TIMOTHY 3:14&15. (QUOTE ALL OF THEM)

\*\*\*\* PARENTS, TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THE **SCRIPTURES. WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT?** PREPARING FOR TESTS OR ETERNITY?

**(3) LAST OF ALL, MARY'S HEART WAS FOCUSED ON MAGNIFYING GOD HER SAVIOR.**

\* BELIEVER, ARE WE FOCUSED ON MAGNIFYING, ENLARGING, GLORIFYING, PUTTING OUR GREAT GOD AND KING ON DISPLAY AT WORK, THE HOME, THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THE CHURCH IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES? MAY OUR PASSION BE PSALM 34:3. (QUOTE IT)

**\*\* ONE LAST QUICK QUESTION AND I'LL PRAY. IS GOD, JESUS CHRIST YOUR SAVIOR? HAVE YOU TURNED TO HIM FOR FORGIVENESS. IF NOT, TURN TO JESUS CHRIST, MARY'S SAVIOR, AND THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE US FROM OUR SINS. (LET'S PRAY)**