

Sermon Study Guide

Luke 1:39-56

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Title: **“Mary’s Song”**

Sermon Idea: Joy accompanies God’s salvation.

Key Points:

1. John the Baptist joyfully leaps at the presence of Jesus.
2. Elizabeth joyfully blesses Mary at the presence of Jesus.
3. Mary joyfully praises God for His faithfulness to her and Israel.

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that God is holy, merciful, powerful, and faithful to His promises to His people. He will vindicate those who trust in Him. This confidence in God results in present joy.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) share their experiences with God with others, (2) direct any praise you receive to God, and (3) daily humble yourself before the Lord – and enjoy Him!

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need to experience peace and joy through faith in Christ.

Recommended Resources: *“Rejoice and Tremble,”* by Michael Reeves, *“Trusting God,”* Jerry Bridges

Intro: What is the best news that you can possibly think of? What would make you get up and dance and shout?

Dig:

Day 1: Luke 1:39-56 recounts Mary’s encounter with her relative Elizabeth. What happened? Who does what? Why?

Day 2: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 preserves Hannah’s prayer when the prophet Samuel was miraculously conceived in her. What parallels do you see between her prayer and Mary’s song?

Day 3: Zephaniah 3:9-20 prophesies about the restoration that Messiah will bring in the end. Again, what parallels do you see with this and Mary’s song? In light of these prophesies, what do you think is Mary’s expectation of Messiah’s life and work?

Day 4: Luke 18:9-14 is the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. It contrasts the humble and the proud. Describe the contrasts both in Mary’s song and in this parable.

Day 5: Ephesians 5:18-20 commands us to be filled with the Spirit. How do we do that? What is the result of being filled with the Spirit?

Apply:

1. Commit to doing the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting as a way to focus on Jesus.
2. Make it a regular practice to have a spiritual companion whom you share your spiritual experiences with.
3. Start each day by consciously resubmitting Yourself to God’s purposes.

Pray: Dear Father, in You is fullness of joy! That is true because You are trustworthy and faithful to Your promises. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus so that through faith in Him, I might share in Your joy! Holy is Your Name! Amen!
