

## BRILLIANT LOVE

LUKE 1:46-56

### Mary's Brilliant Praise

#### A. God's Love (Luke 1:46-50)



Identified by Grace (1:48)

*Psalm 149:1-4; John 1:16; Titus 3:4-7*



Poured out in Blessing (1:49a)

*Psalm 147:5-6a; Psalm 71:18-20; Ephesians 1:3-4*



Rooted in Holiness (1:49b)

*Exodus 15:11; Psalm 96:7-9*



Established through Mercy (1:50)

*Isaiah 30:18; Luke 1:76-79*

#### B. God's Provision - he has provided . . . (1:51-55)



Strength - Release from Oppression (1:51)



Justice - Level Playing Field (1:52-53)



Salvation - For all people (1:54-55)

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 1:34-38. Mary's response to the angel was not an evidence of unbelief, but an expression of faith. Her question was not about the promise but the process. Have you ever questioned about his process as he works in your life Discuss.
2. God's love is Brilliant! Review Mary's "brilliant" praise concerning God's love. How does understanding the brilliance of God's love impact our walk with Him? Discuss.
3. Pray together for Spiritual eyes to see God's love and provision in you life this week. Take time everyday to thanks Him for his brilliant (multi-faceted) love!

**Luke 1:26-56** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God."

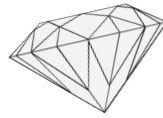
<sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies (*megalunó - declare great*) the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices (*ēgalliasen - jump for joy*) in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. <sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and returned to her home.



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**Psalm 149:1-4** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly! (*hebrew - beloved - people of the covenant promise*)<sup>2</sup> Let Israel be glad in His Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!<sup>3</sup> Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!<sup>4</sup> For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation

**John 1:16** (John the Baptist) For from His (JESUS) fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (*When one supply of grace is exhausted, another is available. EBC*)

**Titus 3:4-7** . . . when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,<sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,<sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,<sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



#### Poured out in Blessing (1:49a) “. . . for He who is mighty has done great things for me, . . . “

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**Psalm 147:5-6a** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord lifts up the humble; . . .

**Psalm 71:18-20** So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.<sup>19</sup> Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?<sup>20</sup> You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

**Ephesians 1:3-4** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,<sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.



#### Rooted in Holiness (1:49b) “. . . and holy is His name . . . “

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**Exodus 15:11** (Moses) “Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

**I Samuel 2:2** (Hannah) “There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. (rock = strength, sovereignty, security)

**Psalm 96:7-9** Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!<sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!



#### Established through Mercy (1:50) “And His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation”

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**Isaiah 30:18** Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

**Luke 1:76-79** And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”