

Bible Teaching Program

Daily verses from

Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-53)

Mary had no claim to greatness in herself other than her faith in God.

Luke 1:46 'And Mary said, My soul does magnify the Lord,'

Mary was filled with love and appreciation because of the One conceived in her womb. She had no claim to greatness in herself other than her faith in God. She desired only to let His character be known among the people. Her soul was filled with exuberant joy not just for herself but because of what the Lord was going to do for His people. Her desire to magnify the Lord was because of His wisdom in designing the plan of salvation; His greatness in being able to bring salvation to mankind; and His love in being willing to give Himself for His people. She delighted not in herself but in the loving kindness of the Lord.

Mary knew that her need of a Saviour was met in Christ alone.

Luke 1:47 'And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.'

Mary recognised her need of a Saviour. She rejoiced because she trusted in Christ alone for salvation. Her joy was in the Lord. Her spirit rejoiced because the hope of her salvation had come. She was blessed because she carried the blessing of God in her womb. She was the one chosen to bring the gift of God into the world; Jesus is eternal life. She trusted in Him and all who trust Him find life. It is faith in Christ alone that brings the joy of salvation. Mary knew she was chosen to bring the Messiah into the world; she also knew that her need of a Saviour was met in Christ alone and none other.

When we trust in Jesus, we must also trust in His ways.

Luke 1:49 'For He who is mighty has done to me great things; and holy is His name.'

The Lord chooses those who desire Him; He uses those who seek after Him. When we trust in Jesus, we must also trust in His ways.

His wisdom is contrary to man's wisdom.
His love is beyond understanding.
His might is seen by the weak things; His greatness in humility.
He is holy but did not condemn the unrighteous;
He made a way for us to be righteous in Him.
He did not seek the acceptance of religious leaders;
He had no interest in the self-righteous;
He did not seek approval from the mighty and noble in the world.
He came for an insignificant people and has made us His own.

The mercy of the Lord is of more worth than great riches.

Luke 1:50 'And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.'

The mercy of the Lord is of more worth than great riches.
It is more than a willingness to forgive.
In Christ all the promises of God are ours.
His presence is with all who trust in Him; He will never leave us;
He keeps us continuously in His care.
He surrounds His people with His love;
He guides us through His word; and leads us by His Spirit.
He will show compassion to all who call upon Him.
The fear of the Lord is a righteous fear; it is a fear that draws us to Christ;
It will guard our heart from temptation and keep us from the destructive power of sin.

It was in weakness that His strength prevailed on our behalf.

Luke 1:51 'He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.'

When we trust in Christ alone, we will never be disappointed.
In weakness His strength prevailed on our behalf.
He turns our failure into His success;
and our inability is His opportunity to let His power be seen in us.
He gives the fragile Christian strength to be a fearless ambassador for Christ;
He makes the timid person bold to be a mighty witness for Him.
He replaces our insecurities with the assurance of His promises,
and makes us more than conquerors in Christ.
He removes the anxieties of our heart
and fills us with joy and peace in the Holy Spirit.
In Christ is all we need.

He lifts the lowly to royalty

Luke 1:52 'He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted them of low degree.'

What God has promised He will fulfil.
His plan and purpose will be fulfilled in our life.
We can rest in Him even in troubled times.
His hand controls the nations.
Empires come and go.
The seats of power are soon vacated.
The rulers of this world do not retain their authority forever.
But in Christ the lowly are lifted to royalty.
His kingdom never ends.
It is established in truth bringing freedom and joy.
It is upheld by love that can be seen dwelling in His people.
He gives us peace that endures;
and in Him we have life that is eternal.

Jesus fills the emptiness of the needy.

Luke 1:53 'He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He has sent empty away.'

The riches of the world are temporal with no lasting value.
In Christ there is hope for the destitute and joy for the lonely.
He satisfies the emptiness of the needy with new life;
He produces the fruit of His Spirit in us so that we become like Him.
His love towards us keeps us; protects us; and fills our heart with His goodness.
He calls the lowest in society to be the heirs of His kingdom.
He makes outcasts into worshippers;
chooses prisoners to be mighty ambassadors of the gospel;
gives purpose to the weary;
and brings the poor into unsearchable riches.
His provision will never fail.

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