

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) & Luke 1:26-56
Singing: 394:1-3 – 266:3 – 448:1-2 – Song of Mary: 1, 2, 4 – 88:1-3

Intro: To magnify God is the most blessed employment!

A. God promised to magnify Himself in judgment: Ezek. 38:23 (Num 14:11)

B. Yet God's greatest magnification is not in His judgments of sinners

1. Consider Numbers 14:17 – Ps. 8:4 – John 8:28

C. To the upright, nothing is more desired than to *magnify the LORD*: Ps. 34:1-3

MARY'S MAGNIFICAT

I. The occasion II. The themes

I. The Occasion of her Mary's Magnificat

A. The indirect occasion of her song was angel's revelation (vs. 26-38)

1. Gabriel's revelation was confirmed with a 'sign' in her cousin (vs. 36-37)

2. Observe Mary's unparalleled confession of faith: vs. 38

a. Would her faith be tried? Did she need confirmation?

b. What could causes for doubts and fears in young believers?

B. The immediate occasion was Elizabeth's words (41-45)

1. God always confirms His work through His Word through Spirit (41b)

C. Mary's magnification of the Lord shows her spiritual progress

II. The four main themes of her Magnificat

A. God is a *personal Savior of sinners* (vs. 47b)

1. Mary was as much a child of Adam as we all are:

2. She needed her Son to do for her what we all need: 1 John 3:8b

3. Let Mary's theme encourage you to storm His throne of grace today

B. God is a *gracious & merciful Savior* (vs. 48, 50, 54)

1. Never did Mary expect this favor to be hers (vs. 29)

2. This theme of her song is God's message to you

a. look away from yourself

b. cast yourself on the God Who came to seek and save sinners

C. God is a *mighty Savior* (vs. 49; 51-52)

1. Mary exalted the Lord's might as *holy* (vs. 49)

a. holiness is not only *sinless perfection* – it is God's *infinite loveliness*

2. He is the kind of Savior you need (51-52)

D. God is a *faithful Savior* (54-55)

1. No creature has been so unfaithful than mankind: Jer. 2:9-13

2. Yet over against the incriminating record shines God's astounding truth

a. *And we beheld His glory, full of grace and truth (John 1:14b)*

b. *He came unto his own, and his own received Him not (John 1:11)*

c. Scripture celebrates God's faithfulness: Ps. 36:5; 89:8; Is. 11:5

3. Now finally, God fulfilled His ancient promises (Is. 7:14; Gal 4:4)

*It is not quite as bad to say there is no God,
than to say that God is unfaithful (Thomas Brooks)*