MARY’S SONG OF PRAISE

Luke 1:39–56

Key Verse: 1:46–47

1. After accepting the angel’s words (38), what journey does Mary make, and why (39,40)? Compare and contrast the situations of Mary and Elizabeth at this point.
2. At Mary’s greeting, what happens to Elizabeth (41)? What does she exclaim (42)? How else does she address Mary (43)? Why had her baby leapt (44,15b)? How do these things confirm what the angel had told Mary (36)? What is Elizabeth’s final counsel (45)?
3. Describe Mary’s overall response (46–55). What does she say first (46,47)? Why does she “magnify the Lord” and call him “my Savior”? What do her words “my soul” and “my spirit” tell us? What else does she say about herself and about God (48,49)? What is her “humble estate”? (48a,52b) How can we experience God today the way Mary did?
4. How does God show “his mercy” in his dealings with various kinds of people (50–53)? What should we learn from these things?
5. How else has God shown “his mercy” (54,55)? How is Mary’s pregnancy a fulfillment of God’s promises to Abraham (Ge12:3b; Gal3:8,14,29)? Review all that Mary’s song tells us about God. Why is it so important to know these things about him?