

Scripture Texts

LUKE 1:39-55

Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who [h]believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

And Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.
For He who is mighty has done great things for me,
And holy is His name.
And His mercy is on those who fear Him
From generation to generation.
He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
And exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich He has sent away empty.
He has helped His servant Israel,
In remembrance of His mercy,
As He spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and to his seed forever."

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

PSALM 25:6,7

Remember, O Lord,
Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,
For they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;
According to Your mercy remember me,
For Your goodness' sake, O Lord.

Big Ideas

1

Abortion is wrong because it takes a picture that God is painting and rips it up before it can ever see the light of day.

2

We can rejoice in life's unplanned events; they may surprise us, but God is not surprised. God sees the end from the beginning. He won't fail us now.

3

Sunday morning worship is a Saturday night decision.

4

Humility attracts generational blessing. God will not stop pouring out His oil as long as we refuse to take credit for it.

5

God chooses to remember us through the filter of His mercy; it is a demonstration of His goodness.

6

Our lives are the continuation of somebody else's promise. Our songs are the celebration of God's continued faithfulness.

Questions & Takeaways

- What are we magnifying? Anything we magnify simply gets bigger. Are we magnifying the right things? The right One?
- How can I make a difference on behalf of the unborn?
- What can I do today to make a difference for generations to come?

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