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Mary's Magnificat

Luke 1:46b-55

He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant. Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me. Luke 1:48-49a

Mary's song is focused on the blessing she will receive for being part of God's plan. In this scripture, the blessing is seen as the fruits of the relationship we have with God. In today's world, the meaning of being blessed just doesn't mean the same as it did in Mary's time. Many of us feel we are blessed with health, wealth, and status. Although these are good and important things, we need to realize that even the small things we received from God are blessings as well.

Mary's Magnificat is just the opposite. Where the humble are exalted, our joy is not found in our status, but in our connection with God.

What does a blessing look like? What values do we consider as a blessing from God? Is it in our health, wealth, or status, or do we see ourselves as God's humble servants? Mary's Magnificat is geared toward the poor and the marginalized and warns those who place their identity to their position here on earth.

This may not sound like "good news" to many of us. The message is not that if you are well connected, you are bad or evil. The good news is, we can repent and turn to our God who cares for everyone from the lowly to the exalted. It's good news for us because it means there is a place for each of us in God's Kingdom.

Prayer: Gracious God, we thank you for the song of Mary. Our spirits rejoice in you, our Savior. You looked with favor on your unlikely servant, and she delivered a blessing for all generations. We know we are blessed during our time here on earth, but the ultimate blessing is there is a place for each of us to spend eternity with you. AMEN

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