

MARY'S WISH LIST!

Luke 1:46-55

INTRODUCTION: We can only imagine what it must have been like for young Mary to discover she was going to give birth to the Son of God! Luke 1:31 with Luke 1:46-55. As we read the overflow of Mary's overwhelmed heart it leads us to several things in her song that might make a good Christmas wish list for each of us.

I. BEING SATURATED BY THE WORD OF GOD!

There are many parallels with the songs of two mothers found in the Bible: Hannah the mother of Samuel and Mary, the mother of Jesus. 1 Samuel 2:1 with Luke 1:46-47. 1 Samuel 2:2 with Luke 1:48-49. 1 Samuel 2:5 with Luke 1:53. It is obvious that our Lord's mother, Mary was familiar with Hannah's song of praise. But not only did Mary know Hannah's song, she knew the words of the Old Testament. Psalm 119:20. One of our greatest longings must be to be saturated with the very Word of the Living God! The reason so many Christians are anemic spiritually is because their Bibles are neglected to their own harm! 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Samuel 9:27. We must not only know the Word of God we must use the Word of God: Isaiah 55:11.

II. A MAGNIFICATION OF THE SON OF GOD!

We need worshipping hearts! We need hearts that are overflowing like Mary. Her song is an expression of a worshipping and overflowing heart! Luke 1:46-47. The object and the subject of Mary's worship was the Lord God of heaven and earth! Like Mary, we should desire to magnify our Lord Jesus Christ! Luke 1:46. We cannot really magnify our Lord until we make Him Lord of our lives! Mary saw Jesus as her Savior! Luke 1:47. Yes, Mary did know the One she would deliver would one day deliver her! Does your heart delight that not only is Jesus the deliver, but that He is your deliver? Jesus does many things but I dare say the greatest thing He does is to save the sinner!

III. AN APPRECIATION FOR THE GRACE OF GOD!

The angel said to Mary: Luke 1:30-31. The angel was telling Mary that she was to be a special recipient of God's grace. Mary's response is found in Luke 1:48-50. Do you understand that before our God we are all of low estate? Each of us were and are spiritually bankrupt before our God: Romans 3:23. Our sin has left us with a debt we cannot pay. That means we are of a low estate. When we realize our "low estate" God's grace steps into the picture. God regarded "Mary's "low estate" and He will regard our "low estate." "Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me." Mary sang Luke 1:49-50. Truly God has done great things for all of us! Because of Jesus Christ, we too, although of "low estate" are declared worthy! 2 Corinthians 5:21. Jesus came to us in our "low estate and offered us His hand. Have you taken Jesus' hand?