

BLESSED MOTHERS

LUKE 1:39-56

Main theme: The faithful response to God's calling and **blessing** is **humble** worship and praise.

- The joy of God's blessings is **grounded** in God bringing His **promises** to completion. (vv. 39-44)
- Faith comes from seeing what God has **done** and trusting in what He **promises** to do. (v. 45)
- Mary shows a humble response to God's grace by praising Him for...
 - ...the work He has done in her life. (vv. 46-49)
 - ...His acts toward all those who fear Him. (vv. 50-53)
 - ...His acts for the nation of Israel. (vv. 54-55)



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Discuss how exciting and glorious the interaction between Elizabeth and Mary must have been. What do you think was the cause of their excitement? Luke 1:15-17, 31-33.
2. What encouragement have you gained from seeing the humble praise of these two blessed mothers? Do you struggle with pride or feelings of achievement when you receive blessings from God? How do you pray to correct this and what passages do you study? Judges 5:24; Luke 11:27-28
3. Look at verses 39-44. How do you see the joy of God's blessing as He is fulfilling His promises? Eph. 1:3-10;
4. God was faithful to His promises to Israel by sending His Messiah, how does this give you hope in all things He has promised? Luke 1:45, 8:19-21
5. Mary praises God for what He has done for her. How does this give you comfort that we can personally know God? Luke 1:46-19; 1 Sam. 2:1-2; Psalm 35:9, 99:3, 34:3; Is. 57:15.
6. Mary praises God for His mercy and salvation to all who fear Him. What does fear of God look like with regard to our salvation? Ex. 34:5-7; Ps. 147:6; James 4:6; 1 Peter 1:10; Luke 2:33.
7. Mary is praising God for His people Israel. How does this help you understand the context of Mary and Elizabeth's interaction and the cause for their joy? Gen. 12:2-3; Matt. 10:5; Matt. 15:24; Matt. 28:18-20; 1 Sam. 2:1-1

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle