

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Luke 1:39-56

December 6, 2009

Introduction and Background

- Last week Kevin talked about Advent.
 - The First and Second Advent
- Today, we get the opportunity to watch a story unfold that occurred shortly before the First Advent.

First Part

- 39-41: The journey and the greeting

Application

- Take God at His Word
- Look for the hand of God.
- Express your joy in Christ!

Second Part

- 46-50: The Worship Service – Mary's Song of Praise

Application

- Magnify the Lord: esteem Him highly, extol Him, praise Him. Let's celebrate our Lord!

Application

- Let your heart be filled with His joy today!

Consider:

- The excellency and power of our Lord: My soul magnifies the Lord
 - His wonder and sweetness: My Spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior
- Never lose the wonder of it all

Third Part

- 51-55: The Worship Service – Mary's Song of Praise (continued)

Application

- Remember
 - God's power is continually at work
 - Stay submitted to God
 - Let God satisfy you
 - God keeps His promises, so live with eager expectation!

Conclusion

- Let's Believe
 - Take God at His Word
 - Look for the hand of God at work.
 - Have an experiential faith.

Conclusion

John Owen said:

“Let us, then, not think that we are anything the better for our conviction of the truths of the great doctrines of the gospel, for which we contend with these men, unless we find the power of the truths abiding in our own hearts, and have a continual experience of their necessity and excellency in our standing before God and our communion with him.”

Conclusion

- Let's magnify the Lord with joyful celebration! Make much of Him!

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Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

Conclusion

- Let's never lose the wonder of it all, that childlike faith that tastes of the goodness of God daily!