**Luke 1:46-55**

***God Is Always At Work***

Introduction

1. God is at work all around us. God is active in your life.

2. How should we respond to God’s active involvement in our lives?

3. Luke 1:46-55 we see God’s involvement in the life of Mary. How does she respond? She

 gives God His worth!

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**I. HOW LITTLE WE ARE 1:47, 48, 52, 53**

Who and what she is without Him?

1. ***Her Insufficiency 47***
2. **Personal** *my spirit*

 **\***There is a you that I cannot see.

 **\***She can speak for no one else. She is speaking from experience.

 **\***This is not religion. It is a relationship with the living God.

 **2. Powerful** *rejoices in God*

 *\**In what does your joy overflow? If it is circumstances and situations then that is why

 your Christianity is a roll-a-coaster experience.

 \**In God* who is bigger than your circumstances, and who never changes.

 **3. Plentiful** *my Savior*

 *\*Savior* speaks of one who is not sinless. Only a sinner, one who is lost need a Savior.

 One who is bound by the chains of sin need to be set free by a Savior.

 \*She was one day set free. *Savior* is the One with restoring power.

 \*This must be first in responding correctly. Is He your Savior???

 ***B. Her Insignificance 48, 52***

 We really think that we are something and somebody. He must increase, but I must

 decrease. Note the words of humility instead of pride.

1. *Low Estate* she was the bride of a carpenter and not a rabbi or Scribe.
2. *Handmaiden* she was a female slave to her Lord. We are ‘bond slaves’ of Jesus Christ.

We are to live for Him and not so He can please us, but so we can bring pleasure to Him.

1. *Low Degree 52* Without Him I have no true significance. He gives me my value and worth.
2. ***Her Inadequacy 53***

 *He has filled the hungry with good things.*

1. Without Him nothing satisfies for long.
2. *The ‘rich’ He has sent away empty.* There is a God-shaped emptiness in every heart!

 You will try to fill that emptiness with something that won’t satisfy.

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**II. HOW LAVISHED WE ARE 1:48-49**

What He has done. There were 3 reasons why Mary rejoiced in God:

1. ***His Regard***

 *For He has regarded…*He has deigned to notice **me.**

1. **Me…**a nobody…a nothing. He intentionally took notice of me.
2. **Me…**everyday do you take this for granted? God notices me. Why me??out of literally millions and billions of people. He spots me.
3. ***His Recognition***

 *From now on all generations will call me blessed.*

1. It does not imply the worship of Mary.
2. Mary recognized why is she blessed. *Henceforth* Since she was carrying the Messiah. *“I am blessed because of what resides in me.”*
3. We are blessed because if you are a believer the God of the universe resides in you in the person of the Holy Spirit.
4. ***His Reach***

*For the mighty One has done to me great things.* All who know Him can say that.

1. To Mary:A virgin has conceived. The long-awaited Messiah has come. The God of the universe had visited her and was residing in her. Now that is *a great thing!*
2. The Poster read: ***God doesn’t make junk.***
3. He does *great things:* We were dead in sin now we are alive in Christ. God is great. God is good. Every good thing come from Him.
4. Has any good thing happened to you? God did it!!

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**III. HOW LUCKY WE ARE 1:50-55**

Who He is! Mary breaks forth in celebration to God…rejoicing! *God inhabits the praise of*

 *His people.*

1. ***His Majesty 46, 47, 49***

*The Lord…In God…the mighty One*

1. **Speaks of His Supremacy** There is none greater or nothing greater.
2. **Speaks of His Sovereignty** He is in control, but He is not responsible for the evil in the world. That comes from another source.
3. ***His Manner 49b***

*Holy is His name (that is His character…all that He is)*

1. Holy is the way God is. It means to be well, whole…Because He is holy, all that He is and all that He does is right.
2. Holy means He cannot sin or stand sin. *How would a loving God allow anyone to go to hell?* God is holy so sin must be paid for. God’s demands must be met. Either we pay for our sins or He pays for our sins.
3. His holiness does not permit sin into heaven.
4. ***His Mercy 50***

*Grace* is giving us what we do not deserve. *Mercy* is not giving us what we do deserve.

1. **Its Continuation** *from generation to generation* His mercy reaches out to December 29, 2019. This morning He is reaching out to you.
2. **Its Condition** *upon those who fear Him* *Fear*  means to stand in awe. We give Him His rightful place. John 14:6 *I am the way, the truth, and the life no man or woman comes to the Father but by me.* John 3:38 *He that believes is not condemned, but he that believes not is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God.*
3. ***His Might 51-53***
4. **The Positive Power:**

 \**He hath shown strength with His arm \*He hath exalted them of low degree \*He hath filled the hungry \*He hath helped*

 *\**This is Mary’s testimony. This is also the testimony of those who realize their need of a Savior and come to Him.

**2. The Pathetic Penalty**

To those who think they don’t need Him…three classes are mentioned:

 \**The proud (of their intellect and insight) are scattered.*

 *\*The mighty are the rulers…*those who have risen in power and prestige.

 \**The rich (they have need of nothing) hath He sent away.*

He satisfies those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. He cannot and does not

 reach those who do not see their need for Him. God wants those who are tired of sin

 and sick of their emptiness.

1. ***His Maintenance 54-55***
2. *He has helped His servant.*
3. *Out of His faithfulness (He never quits) and mercy*
4. *He spoke forever*

God is always at work. How should we respond? **Worship Him!**

***Realize who are what we are without Him! Recognize what He has done! Recollect who He is!***

**1st. I must know Him.**

**Do you know Him? After I know Him, I must relate Him to my daily life.**