

**PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE**

**LESSON 17 LUKE 1:46-55**

1. What has resonated most with you from last week’s study on **Jonah’s prayer for rescue**, and how has that been helpful to you?

**MARY’S SONG OF HUMBLE PRAISE (THE MAGNIFICAT)**

Mary is the young woman chosen to be the mother of Jesus. Engaged to Joseph, Mary sings this song as she visits her relative Elizabeth. (See **Luke 1:26-45**)

2. As you read **Luke 1:46-55,** pray and take a moment to “magnify the Lord” in praise. What is the overall tone and what does Mary’s prayer song stir up in you?

3. In **V46-48a**, Mary is responding to Elizabeth’s overwhelming and profound greeting - look back to **V39-45.** Put in your own words Mary’s overflowing response.

4. In **V48b-49,** why do you think all generations will call Mary blessed and what does this coming child mean for you personally? See also **Psalm 72:17-19**.

5. a) From **V50,** what do you think it means to “fear Him” in this verse? How do you connect His great mercy to this?

b) Reflect on the Lord’s mercy shown to a generation or generations of your family.

6. a) Read **V51.** What does it mean to be “proud in your inmost thoughts” and what are the potential consequences?

b) Where and when do you struggle with this?

7. **V52** is the second time that the word “humble” appears in this prayer song. Why do you think this is significant? See also **Matthew 23:11-12**.

8. In light of **V53,** what do you think the “good things” from God are that fill us compared to the world’s version of “good things”? Write a timeless truth based on this.

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9. In **V54-55,** Mary remembers God’s mercy to Abraham and his descendants. Think about your own life and how God has been merciful to you. How might this lead to a deeper “magnifying” of the Lord in your prayer life?

10. **HEART REFLECTION**

As you consider what you have learned from this passage in **Luke 1**, spend some time meditating on **Psalm 34:3 “Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.”** Write your own prayer of praise incorporating any themes or emotions from Mary’s prayer song.

**NAME PRAYER REQUEST**