

Mary And Elisabeth: Beatitude And Magnificat ①

Luke 1:39-56

Intro. **A.** The angel has revealed to Elisabeth and to Mary that they will be mothers to the two most important men ever born.

1. Elisabeth will give ^{birth} to John, the announced.
2. Mary will give birth to Jesus, the Saviour.

B. These births will be unique.

1. Elisabeth and Zacharias are advanced in age.
2. Mary has never known any man.

C. The possibility of these births is explained by the angel.

1. Place these promises in the realm of God's will, His divine plan.
- vs. 37 2. This means, "... Nothing shall be impossible".
3. How? vs. 35

I. The Beatitude Of Elisabeth.

A. Mary went to visit Elisabeth.

vs. 39 1. She went to the hill country.

2. She went to a priests city.

vs. 40 3. She went to the home of Zacharias.

4. She went, "with haste". preparation +

B. Two things happened at the greeting of Mary.

vs. 41 1. "... the babe leaped in her womb".

ὄκλιπῶν, "to jump, spring, bound, to frolic as of goats.

2. "... Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost".

II. The Magnificat of Mary.

A. "And Mary said...".

- Vs. 46
1. "...My soul doth magnify the Lord".
 2. "Magnify" = μεγαλύνω = "to make great", "enlarge", "to praise"
 3. magnificat = a song or hymn of praise".
- Vs. 47
4. "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour".

B. The reasons for Mary's song.

- Vs. 48a
1. He had seen the trouble she endured.
- Vs. 48b
2. She would be vindicated.
- Vs. 49
3. God had done great things for her.
- Vs. 50
4. God is a God of mercy.
- Vs. 51
5. God is not weak; He will confuse the proud.
- Vs. 52
6. God has brought justice.
- Vs. 53
7. God has established equity.
- Vs. 54a
8. He has helped Israel.
- Vs. 54b
9. He remembered to have mercy.
- Vs. 55
10. He remembered His covenant with Abraham.

C. The Remainder of Mary's Visit.

- Vs. 56
1. She stayed about 3 months.
 2. She returned to her own house.