Mary and Elizabeth: Beatitudes And Magnificat

Luke 1:39-56

Intro. A. The angel has revealed to Elizabeth and to Mary that they will be mothers to the two most important men ever born.
1. Elizabeth will give birth to John, the Announcer.
2. Mary will give birth to Jesus, the Saviour.

B. These births will be unique.
1. Elizabeth 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 Beatitudes of Elizabeth.

A. Mary went to visit Elizabeth.
Vs. 39 1. She went to the hill country.
2. She went to a priest's 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”.
δισκέπταμαι, to jump, spring, bound, to frolic as of goats.
2. "...Elizabeth 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. 49a 1. He had seen the trouble she endured.

Vs. 49b 2. She would be vindicated.

Vs. 50 3. God had done great things for her.

Vs. 51b 4. God is a God of mercy.

Vs. 51c 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.