

**Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont**  
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**Lesson # 4 December 20, 2022 – December 25, 2022**

**Unit I: GOD Prepares the Way**  
**Subject: Open to Being Chosen**  
**Text: Luke 1:46-55**

**Key Verse:**

**Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in GOD my Saviour (Luke 1:46-47, KJV).**

**Lesson Pointers:**

- 1) My Spirit Rejoices (Luke 1: 46-50)**
- 2) His Strength Remains (Luke 1: 51-55)**

**Introduction**

**A big shot or big businessman in a small town may think of himself/herself as being more gifted than others in that small town, they usually do not have a clear view of themselves, their strengths are limitations. They think that they are more than someone else because they are comparing themselves to small segment of people. But when the big shots or big businessman are taken out of the small town and are engaged with other big shots or big businessman in a large city. They find themselves unable to boast of themselves and accomplishment, they become humble. You see humility allows one to see themselves accurately as GOD sees them, and humility reminds them and us that we have nothing that we have not received (Read 1 Corinthians 4:6). Being humble or having humility, enables one to give GOD the glory and credit for what HE (GOD) alone has given us and enabled us to do. But boasting of oneself is evil, James 4:16 says, “But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.” When you know that you have been chosen by GOD you become open to being chosen by HIM (GOD), and your rejoicing is of HIM (GOD) and not of yourselves.**

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- My Spirit rejoices (Luke 1:46-50)**

**Luke speaks of Mary of one who found favor with GOD. Mary being a young woman never could have imagined that GOD would give her any personal recognition or honor. It is the right thing to do when GOD blesses us to give GOD praise. Mary must have known the scriptures, because she did not boast to others of her favor from GOD. Instead, from the depth of her soul Mary sang song of praise and adoration to the LORD GOD (Luke 1:46). Mary knew that GOD was her personal Saviour, and she gave a devotion of gratitude to GOD, looking for nothing in return (Luke 1:47). Mary regarded GOD for choosing her (HIS handmaiden) for all shall call her blessed (Luke 1:48). Mary acknowledged GOD for HIS might, HIS holiness, and HIS mercy, the three prominent attributes of GOD’S character (Luke 1:49-50).**

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### **Lesson Pointer # 2**

- **HIS Strength Remains (Luke 1:51-55)**

Mary said that GOD had showed strength with HIS arm, which speaks of GOD's mighty deeds of deliverance, protection, and provision on the behalf of HIS people. It is GOD who uses whom HE chooses to do HIS will, and GOD elevates the lowly and bring down the proud (Luke 1:51). GOD put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree, GOD is a foe of the proud, and a friend and advocate of the lowly (Luke 1:52), now, Proverbs 3:34 say, "Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly." So, we are to humble ourselves, 1 Peter 5:6 says, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of GOD, that he may exalt you in due time." GOD satisfies the spiritual hunger of those who seek HIM, and GOD sends away those who hunger for earthly riches to feed on that which does not satisfy the soul (Luke 1:53-54). Mary acknowledged GOD'S mercy that extends throughout time to all who fear and reverence HIM (GOD) (Luke 1:55).

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### **Lesson Nuggets**

- 1) **Boast not of yourselves but rather in our GOD (Luke 1:46-47; Psalm 34:2-3).**
- 2) **Acknowledge GOD'S character or attributes, HIS mighty, His holiness, and His mercy (Luke 1:49-50).**
- 3) **Remember that the LORD elevates the lowly and bring down the proud (Luke 1:51-52; Proverbs 3:34; 1 Peter 5:6; Job 5:11; Psalm 113:7).**
- 4) **Acknowledge the mercy of GOD (Luke 1:54; Psalm 98:3; Jeremiah 31:3).**