

Magnify
Luke 1:46-47

[Luk 1:46-47 ESV] 46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

I. Intro

- A. Magnify:
 - 1. Magnifying lens
 - 2. Magnification on glasses, microscope, rifle scope...When
- B. When we bring in magnification to an object we make it larger, clearer, more detailed
- C. In a sense, that is the joy of the Spirit Filled life, to MAGNIFY the Lord!
- D. Today we look at the words of Mary found in Luke 1.
 - 1. Mary was a chosen instrument
 - 2. Mary fulfilled the role chosen for her by God
 - 3. Mary is not the object of our worship, and as a matter of fact, expresses the exact opposite of that kind of a response in her own words.
- E. We don't magnify Mary, or any other servant of the Lord, We Magnify GOD OUR SAVIOR!

II. Text

- A. My soul: your essence, the fullness of who you are.
- B. Magnify:
 - 1. EXTOL, LAUD
 - 2. to cause to be held in greater esteem or respect
 - 3. to increase in significance : INTENSIFY
 - 4. to enlarge in fact or in appearance
- C. The Lord: He is the one we magnify!
 - 1. We should simply make it a point to allow people to see Jesus when they see us
 - 2. We should be known for how we magnify our Lord rather than how we magnify man or manmade thing.
- D. My spirit rejoices:
 - 1. Rejoice: to feel joy, gladden
 - 2. REJOICE: agaleeao: compound from words that mean "much" and "leap, spring up, gush"
 - a) The image in my mind is of something my body can no longer do without damage...
 - b) Like a child overflowing with excitement that they leap and squeal without a care of who sees them.
 - 3. Concept: my soul springs up a lot!
 - 4. To rejoice is to have reoccurring joy regarding something
 - 5. That which we grow accustomed to, shall be a reminder of the joy we have in Christ
 - 6. Rejoice!
- E. In God...my savior:
 - 1. Mary is reminded of a story of redemption she has longed for
 - 2. And now she is going to make it into the story
 - 3. Joy and rejoice!

III. Point

- A. Jesus is Enough
 - 1. Listening to sports radio this week:
 - a) Heard some guys discussing mega church Christmas presentations
 - b) Mixture of lost and believers, usually not a deep theological discussion.
 - c) Then, after the story was told of a mega church in Michigan, and some local Dallas churches...one guy asked...

- d) “When did Jesus stop being enough?” “Isn’t Jesus enough?” “At what point did we stop needing simply Jesus and need the entertainment factor?”
- 2. Well, those are great questions, and I’m not sure of the answers to all the questions, but I do know that JESUS IS ENOUGH!
- 3. If we strip everything away...what remains?
- 4. Mary:
 - a) Lost her reputation
 - b) Lost control of her own plan
 - c) Lost the desire to ask more questions: (how can this be? Was the only one)
 - d) BUT SHE GAINED JESUS, and that was enough!
- B. Jesus is Everything
 - 1. We celebrate Jesus this Christmas season, and every other day
 - 2. We worship, serve, give, yield to, and MAGNIFY Jesus
 - 3. There is no other object of our worship worthy of our time, talent, and treasure
 - 4. Jesus will not leave you empty:
 - a) When you serve Christ, you find the riches of His grace
 - b) When you give to the cause of Christ, you find the fulfillment of the promised provision.
 - c) When you use your gifts for the kingdom, you find the blessing of Magnifying Christ with your gifts.
 - 5. Serve with Excellence, and find blessing and provision:
 - a) If you desire to find joy in life, serve with gladness
 - b) If you desire blessing from God regarding your finances, Give with Gladness
 - c) If you need your time multiplied so you can get everything done, strip away the things that are unnecessary and find the time and blessing of God.
- C. Jesus is our Savior
 - 1. My spirit rejoices in God my savior
 - 2. My only hope, my only peace, my only worship.
 - 3. We get this wrong when we worship the creation rather than the creator:
 - a) No man is worthy of worship other than Jesus.
 - b) No organization is worthy of worship
 - c) No personality or philosophy is worthy of worship
 - d) There is only one savior, and HE IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP.
 - 4. We cannot build a kingdom focused church on anything other than kingdom principles learned from our Bible.
 - a) Kingdom churches are not built on personalities of leadership
 - b) Kingdom churches are not built on personalities of Congregations
 - c) Kingdom churches are built on the savior, and the redeemed are drawn to the truth, and sent out with the truth.
- IV. Close
 - A. Do you want your life to be blessed by Christ? Give it to him!
 - B. Give HIM control, and then yield to HIM moment by moment.
 - C. Show your commitment by serving with JOY and find yourself REJOICING!