



Lesson1: MARY – Humble Faith (Luke 1:46-55)

In Luke 1, there is a story in God’s Word about a woman who experienced a “wow” moment, perhaps greater than any in the history of the world. Her name was _____. She was going to give birth to the Messiah! This was a “wow” moment like none other.

- For thousands of years people had been waiting for this _____.
- She now had to tell her promised husband, _____.
- She was only a _____!

Mary, at this moment of her life, demonstrates the epitome of what it means to have a proper view of God, and it leaves us reeling thousands of years later. You see, it is my contention that every sin that takes place in the Christian life happens because the Christian is overcome by temptation as a result of an improper _____ of God. It is vital that Christians everywhere have, and maintain a proper view of God. Having the proper view of God will cause Christians to react in three distinct ways just as Mary did in this passage.

THOSE WITH A PROPER VIEW OF GOD RESPOND IN IMMEDIATE _____ (v. 46-47)

As Mary went to meet Elizabeth that day, she had every reason to be excited.

- She was going to have her first _____!
- She was called “_____” among women!
- She was with child of the Holy Ghost!

She also had every reason to be afraid.

- What would people _____?
- What would _____ think?

Now Mary has the opportunity to respond to all of this, and her *immediate* reaction is to say in verse 48, “My soul magnified the Lord!” This is a prayer by Mary but is the highest kind of prayer, for it asks nothing – it simply breathes _____ and _____.

THOSE WITH A PROPER VIEW OF GOD REALIZE THAT THEY ARE _____ (v. 48)

In some of the most picturesque, base terms in all of the New Testament, Mary refers to herself as God’s *doulos* or literally “_____ - _____.” She has just been selected to carry the Lion of Judah, and the Hope of Israel. She is the mother of our Savior. Yet, she looks into the face of an Almighty God and whispers “*doulos*” ... I am a slave-girl of God!

The qualification that shines most clearly throughout this passage is a deep sense of _____ in the life of Mary. She looked at herself in light of God’s greatness and said “I am nothing!”

You are a *doulos*. A slave of El-Shaddai! Such a realization is not depressing but _____! If I am nothing than God must be everything!

THOSE WITH A PROPER VIEW OF GOD RECOGNIZE THAT HE IS _____ (v. 49-55)

God’s sovereignty means that He is “the supreme, successful ruler of the universe. What did Mary mean when she said that God was sovereign?

- 1) To Mary, God’s sovereignty meant that He was _____ (v. 50)
- 2) To Mary, God’s sovereignty meant that He was a _____ (v. 51-52)
- 3) To Mary, God’s sovereignty meant that He was a _____ (v. 53)
- 4) To Mary, God’s sovereignty meant that He was _____ (v. 54-55)

What a comforting thought! That God is in control of every aspect of life! That he is merciful, just, comforting, and faithful! That He rules over all creation! Those who would have a correct view of God must learn, like Mary, that God is sovereign!

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

As you stand at the foot of the cross tonight, you should have a “wow” experience of grasping the Gospel, and getting a view of God like Mary did.

Such a view will cause you to ...

1. _____ Him.
2. Realize you are _____.
3. _____ Him for his eternal sovereignty.

God give us men and women with a correct view of Him.