

The Wonder of Christmas Luke 1:46-55

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Introduction:

- The blessing of Christmas
- The messages of Christmas

Luke 1:46-55 – Mary’s song

One of the main themes of the Christmas story: the intentional obscurity of the Saviour’s coming into the world.

In the Christmas story, it is evident that God delights in making Himself known to those who humbly put their trust in Him.

1. The obscurity of Nazareth
2. The obscurity of Bethlehem
 - a. Naomi’s grief and humility
 - b. Naomi’s joy
3. The obscurity of you and me

Mary’s testimony of humility and honour Vs. 46, 47, 51-53

Candidates for the true celebration of Christmas are those who, like Mary, are humble enough to realize their true need for God’s grace in Christ.

Communion: the celebration of God’s amazing grace toward those who put their trust in Him.

Discussion Questions based on Luke 1:46-55

1. What is your sense of the anticipation of the celebration of Christmas in your own life or family this year? Talk about what you think it will be like this year. Why?
2. Read Mary’s Song together in this Scripture passage. Break it down in terms of her testimony, her observations about God’s the extension of God’s mercy, and His judgement on those who are independent and proud.
3. Recount some of the humble features of the Christmas story – a baby, Mary and Joseph, Bethlehem, the stable, the night, the shepherds, etc. How has the *minimalist* nature of the Christmas story impacted you personally?
4. From what you know of the story, what is the significance of Jesus being born in Bethlehem? (Consider the prophecy of Micah in chapter 5, verse 2).
5. What do you think about the significance of *humility* in coming to know God’s grace in Christ? How do you think this was a part of your own story of coming to know the Lord?
6. Consider the ancient truth recorded in Proverbs 3:34 and then again in James 4:6 that *God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble*. What do you think may be the application of this for yourself or for PTC at this time?

End your time together by appropriate prayer for each other and for PTC. Pray that people everywhere will humbly embrace Christ this Christmas.