



## Luke Chapter 1:46-56 - Answers

*Song of the Heart*

1. :46-55 What else does Mary do which proves to us she believed what the Angel of the Lord told her?

She speaks out in praise to God. When you believe the things God has told you, one of the first things you want to do is speak out about Him. It's like you just can't keep it from coming out of your mouth. Your heart overflows to your lips. Jesus said: *"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks"*. Matthew 12:34

2. :46-55 Name some of the wonderful things Mary said about God in these words of praise:\

Here's what I came up with, and a few verses with each to give you a little extra digging into the Word, if you have time:

She starts out by saying her soul magnifies the Lord. Ask yourself what that means. (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 2:1-10, Psalms 34:3, Habakkuk 3:17-19).

Then she just begins to tell the Lord everything He is:

1. :47 God is my Savior. Titus 1:13
2. :48 God has loved me even though I am lowly. Psalms 138:6
3. :48 Because of what God has done all future generations are going to know how blessed I am. Genesis 12:2
4. :49 God has done great things for me. Psalms 17:17&18
5. :49 God's name is Holy. Exodus 3:14
6. :50 God has mercy on those who fear Him, from one generation to the next. Genesis 17:7&8, Exodus 34:5-9
7. :51 God is strong. Psalm 98:1
8. :51 & 52 God weakens the proud but lifts up the lowly. Psalms 33:10
9. :52 & 53 God fills the hungry, but sends away the rich empty  
1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 2:4-8
10. :54 God helps His servants and has mercy on them because of the Words He has spoken, to Abraham and to everyone else of faith.



Romans 4:13-16

3. The proof of belief is what you do, not just what you feel. What will you do today as a result of what you have learned in this passage?

Speak words of praise today. Let it flow out of the abundance of your heart. The only way to do this right is to first have an abundance in your heart. How do you get that? Spend time in the presence of God. Read His Word. Pray. Listen to music. Listen to God. Let His presence fill your heart full to the brim. Then...just go be around people. You'll be amazed at what will come out of your mouth!

4. :56 How long did Mary stay with Elizabeth?

Three months. Until time for John the Baptist to be born.

5. What did Mary know was waiting for her when she returned to Nazareth?

Mary must have known and been thinking hard about what she would now tell Joseph. And about how soon she would be telling everyone else in her life that she was soon to bear a child – even though she had never been intimate with Joseph.

Mary had Christmas to get ready for. ☺



If I could just ask God a question...

Do You really want us to celebrate Christmas, God? If so, how?

How do you celebrate Christmas? Is it honoring to God? Do you tell or read the Christmas story every year? Are your traditions all about the Christmas Tree, ornaments, food, sparkle and presents?

I do wonder what God thinks about our Christmas-time activities. Over the last few years, my husband and I have made a conscious decision to spend much less money than ever before. Is that what He would want? I have friends who decided years ago to not even celebrate Christmas, but instead give gifts to each other at Thanksgiving time, communicating to each other their thankfulness for each one's part in their lives. Is that what He would want?

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In light of Mary's overflowing praise to God at this time in her life when she was balancing between childhood and adulthood, tradition and a new kingdom to come, I think I'll try to add more overflowing praise to my upcoming Christmas season this year. Not exactly sure how yet – but the desire is beginning to accumulate in my heart.