

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#3 – “Lessons from a Hymn” – Luke 1:39-55

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The beginning of Christian Hymnody.

###### 1. Luke’s gospel records four hymns:

- a. Mary’s *Magnificat* – Luke 1:46-55
- b. Zacharias’ *Benedictus* – Luke 1:67-79
- c. The Angels’ *Gloria* – Luke 2:13-14
- d. Simeon’s *Nunc Dimittis* – Luke 2:29-32

###### 2. Mary knew her Old Testament.

- a. I Samuel 2:1, 7-8
- b. Many Old Testament books are quoted or alluded to in the Magnificat.

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 1:39-41

1. The hill country; a long distance from Jerusalem.
  - a. Unknown location.

##### B. Luke 41a, 44

1. The confirmation
2. A supernatural movement within the womb.
  - a. Not the first womb to prophecy – Gen. 25:21,23

##### C. Luke 1:41b-43,45

1. Filled with the Holy Spirit
  - a. Typically precedes a proclamation of God’s Word.
    1. II Samuel 23:2; Acts 2:4
2. Verse 42
  - a. Context for Hebrew women’s status was linked to her children – Luke 11:27
3. “Most blessed”
  - a. Blessed because of the greatest child and not for her personal holiness.

###### b. Familiar phrasing found in the Old Testament.

1. Deuteronomy 7:13; Psalm 127:3

#### 4. Verse 43, “My Lord”

- a. Speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- b. “Lord” attests to deity. The term is used more than a dozen times in the first two chapters of Luke.

#### D. Luke 1:46-48a

##### 1. Note four aspects of a proper attitude for worship.

- a. Worship is I\_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Worship E\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Worship is C\_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Worship is known by H\_\_\_\_\_.

##### 2. Mary’s worship of the Lord focused upon Him being a

- ##### S\_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Roman Catholic dogma.

#### E. Luke 1:48b-55

##### 1. Reasons for worship:

- a. “The Mighty One”
- b. “His mighty deeds”
- c. “Scatters the proud”
- d. “Exalts the humble”
- e. “Filled the hungry with good things.”
- f. “Rich left empty-handed.”

##### 2. All possible because of the covenant.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

- A. John manifested life as soon as Jesus came near. The same is true of believers.
- B. In his opening chapter, Luke makes clear that Jesus Christ is Lord. We may not be the rulers of our own lives anymore.
- C. The redeemed know that they are spiritually bankrupt.
- D. Pride and self-justification are the signs of a dead heart, while humility is the pulse of the redeemed heart.