

Mary's Song

Luke 1:46-55

I. The Impact of the Prophetic word. Lk. 1:26-37 (Matt. 1:18-22)

A. By design God has recorded for us the exact words spoken by many in scripture. These words by Mary are unparalleled. In our intimacy with God words are spoken that set the course of history forever.

B. Gabriel's words. Changing the course of history. Lk. 1:28-33, 37

C. Mary's response. 1:34, 38 "Mary said" is a very important recording. She spoke and by speaking declared that she received what had been spoken to her. It is no different for us. God speaks, we hear, receive, believe and it is done.

Note: With Mary there was no immediate evidence that she was pregnant. "In the process of time" it was revealed. Time with God at times seems non-existent. A lifetime.

Life principle: Just because there has not been complete manifestation of the promises God has given to you, does not mean they no longer stand. Eternal life begins at the conception of your faith. Believing, trusting. God "works it out of you" Phil. 2:12. The promise of God to work eternal life in you gets worked out of you. Why? So those around you can be blessed. Seldom is any promise of God for our benefit alone. Ie. Mary.

II. The impact of receiving the Prophetic Word. Lk. 1:38

A critical moment in these two statements. "maidservant of the Lord" a humble attitude to serve. "let it be to me according to your word" - I accept, believe, receive, trust in the promise of these words.

A. The impact of Mary's statement.

1. Mary's spoken word declared her faith. The angel said, "with God nothing is impossible."

2. Mary's spoken word opened her womb. Instantly pregnant. Without her words she would not have conceived. By speaking she declared her faith. Cf. Zacharias Lk. 1:18-20; II Cor. 1:20; Rom. 10:9-10.

B. The impact of this Revelation for us:

1. Be ready to receive God's revelation that is real and personal for you. "Let it be to me according to your word."

2. The revelation of God is intended to change your life forever. Life calling, vocational responsibility, relationships, purpose for life. II Peter 1:2-4, 5-11.

3. The manifestation of God takes time to be made complete. Instant conception does not mean instant manifestation.

III. The impact of prophetic worship. Lk. 1:46-50

v.46-47 "magnify" - to declare his greatness. His splendor, grandeur, glory.

"rejoiced" - joy overflowing with gratitude and praise. My spirit "exulted" in God MY savior.

v.48 God always honors humility and with it the reward to following generations.

Mary's doxology, Jesus the perfect expression of the glory of God now becomes our expression of the glory of God.