

Devotion, Week of December 15, 2024
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*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name. Luke 1:46-49*

Mary's Magnificat is a song of blessing, sung with great joy. It proclaims exactly who the coming child is and what he shall accomplish – setting people free and saving us all from whatever keeps us in dark and lonely places. Ascribing these redeeming acts to this child of poor and humble birth is surely a blow to the pride of the rich and powerful. But all who brag on their loftiness are mere pretenders to the lordship of Christ. Jesus, even unto death, takes away all lofty judgment and pride and gives us his love and mercy in exchange. He is our one and only Lord and Savior.

But there is even more blessing in this hymn that Mary sings. We get to courageously rejoice in this good news along with Mary. We do not live with a spirit of fear but a spirit of power. This child who comes to us will reign for our good. And Christ's light of joy is too good to keep under wraps. Let his joy be a song of blessing, a bless-sing, if you will, for all souls, in all times and places.

Yours in Christ,

from The Light of Grace

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