



**How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! Luke 1:47**

## *Bible Study:*



This week's lesson is the story of Gabriel's visit to Mary, and Mary's subsequent visit to Elizabeth (Luke 1:26-56). It is a pretty short section of scripture, but ginormous in its scope. It is very likely that when Mary, who was surely well-versed in scripture, got word from Gabriel that she would be giving birth to THE forever King of God's eternal Kingdom (v. 33); MUCH of old testament scripture must have rushed through her mind and heart. The song she sang at receiving the news is not just a happy song, but a profoundly worshipful song that flowed directly out of her soul:

"Oh, how my soul magnifies the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!  
For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.  
For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me.  
He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him.  
His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.  
He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away with empty hands.  
He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful.  
For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever."

## *The gospel in the story:*



There are literally hundreds of prophecies from the old testament that point to Jesus' coming to earth, living a perfect life, dying a "substitutionary" death (that is taking the punishment from God that was meant for us because of our sin), and bringing salvation to all who put their faith in him.

All of the prophecies are grounded in the main theme that God is King of Kings, and only He can rule justly. The following list of chapters from many different books in the old testament contain some of the important prophecies specifically regarding God's Kingdom: 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 22, 45, 72, 89; 110; Isaiah 9; 42; 49; Jeremiah 23; Ezekiel 34; Zechariah 9; 12; 13; Malachi 4