

“PRAISING GOD FOR HIS FAVOR”

Series: “THEN SINGS MY SOUL,” Part 1 of 4

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Luke 1:26-55

Big Idea: Our soul explodes with praise to God when we see His grace at work in our lives and we respond in obedience.

1 Timothy 2:5, “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

Acts 4:12, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Luke 1:46-49, “And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.”

I. MARY’S SOUL COULD SING EVEN THOUGH THIS WAS GOD’S PLAN, NOT HERS.

Luke 1:26-28, In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Exodus 15:1-2, “Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: “I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.”

Exodus 15:20-21, “Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.”

Luke 1:38a, "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."

II. MARY'S SOUL COULD SING EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS ANXIOUS.

Luke 1:29-33, Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

A. She was troubled and anxious because she knew she would be misunderstood.

Matthew 1:19, Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

B. She was troubled and anxious because she knew that favor brings responsibility.

III. MARY'S SOUL COULD SING EVEN THOUGH HER FUTURE WAS UNCERTAIN.