

## A JOYFUL SONG OF PRAISE

(Luke 1:39-55)

Music is one of God's great gifts to us. It is often called "the language of the soul." For music can express our deepest feelings and thoughts, far better than mere words. There are times when saying it, is not enough... Another gift that God gives to His children is the gift of JOY. It is far more than happiness. Joy is produced in our lives by the Holy Spirit when we walk with the Lord in obedience to His Word. Joy and rejoicing are our responses to God for who He is and all that He has done for us. (and others!)

There was a very joyful day when Mary visited Elizabeth...and one of the great songs of all time was sung. It was a joyful song of praise to the Lord. Joy was everywhere. Whenever Jesus is seen as Lord, it always produces joy!

### THREE SPONTANEOUS OUTBURSTS OF EXULTANT JOY MODELING

#### WHAT OUGHT TO BE IN OUR LIFE AS BELIEVERS.

Only Jesus produces joy in us! Know that the world is incapable of producing this.

#### I. The Unborn John Praises The Lord Jesus With A Joyful Kick. (vv.39-41a)

- A. Mary makes the journey in haste to Elizabeth's home to see the sign that was told to her. (39) this was about 80 miles, a 3-4 day trip. This was unusual for a young woman to make then...
- B. Mary evidently had conceived by this point, and probably did not tell anyone. So she is anxious to visit her cousin to confirm the Lord's sign to her.
- C. As she greeted Elizabeth and they traded stories about all God had been doing in their lives, suddenly Elizabeth's unborn son "leaps for joy." (v.44)
  1. Elizabeth speaks under the control of the Holy Spirit. "She is filled..." (v.41)
  2. John will be the "forerunner(announcer) of Jesus" and begins his work now.  
"he confesses the coming of Christ with movements of Joy."

#### II. Elizabeth Joyfully Blesses The Lord Jesus And His Mother. (vv.42-45)

- A. Mary is commended for her faith in the Lord's Word. She took God at His word. (v.45) unlike Zachariah, she trusted as true what was told to her.
- B. Mary is honored for her very special role in life...to give birth to Jesus. She is not the mother of God, but more accurately, she is the mother of our Lord Jesus.  
Note: Elizabeth was not worshipping Mary.
- C. The most important thing Elizabeth said, was not about Mary, but about Jesus.
  1. He is her "Lord." (v.43) She is the first to confess her faith in Jesus as Lord.

