

Sermon Notes – Luke 1:45-55 – Mary’s Song

Read Luke 1:39-45 – Believing for Better

Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" – Luke 1:45

Believing for Better isn’t an excuse to excuse you from poor choices. Poor choices are almost always made because you can’t believe for a better future.

It is also not meant to induce guilt. If you’re having trouble believing in a better future, God isn’t hoping that you will punish yourself over this fact.

It is more of a simple choice you need to make every day. What is God’s hope for the world? Destruction or Redemption? Does God want to burn or recycle?

Sacrifice has to become a rich and deep and joyful decision.

And sacrifice has to be made in strategic ways that actually produces excellent change.

I am saying that God promises **goodness for humanity** and that **our lives will be rich and deep** if we believe that **God’s good promise for humanity** will come true.

Read Luke 1:46-49 – Your Spirit & Soul Magnify God

People are deathly afraid to look inside their hearts.

The number one question I get is “Am I worth God’s grace?”

Psalms 139 says that you were “fearfully and wonderfully made in your mother’s womb.” Genesis 1 tells us that you were made in the image of God. There is something eternal about you that is not eternal in a dog, or a bear, or even a monkey.

Your soul and the soul of any human being is capable of magnifying God.

That is a mind blowing thought. God can be seen most clearly through humanity... through you, through your family, even through a stranger.

If you dare to look inside, there is a recognition in your soul that God is beyond you. God is so much greater than you, and yet He has taken notice of you.

Read Luke 1:50-55 – God Processes From the Bottom Up

God will level the playing field. He will bring down the rich and powerful, and He will lift up the poor and the defenseless.

If you want to see God work, where should you look? God says he is lifting up the needy and bringing down those with much.

How can you bring this promise into your own life?

Where do you work? Where do you interact? How can you bring this promise into your conversations?

Rich and deep will be the life of the person who believes that what God has said is what will be.

Painful and troubling will be the life of the person who has no hope for the future.