

The First Christmas Carol, Part II

Continued
Luke 1:46-56

I. The Delight of God's Handmaiden (46-48a)

A) Prerequisites to delight in God (cause) (48a)

B) The Result of delight in God (effect) (46-47)

II. The Display of God's Attributes (48b-50)

A) Because God Is Good (49-50)

B) God Does Good (48b-49)

III. The Four Disclosures of God's Triumph (51-53)

A) By the strength of His arm

B) Moral Triumph

C) Social Triumph

D) Economic Triumph

IV The Declaration of God's Faithfulness (54-55)

A) Mercy's Objects

B) Mercy's Duration

Small Group Questions

1. Mary describes God as mighty. He can and loves to do "mega-benevolent" things for His people. As we appreciate the mega-benevolence of Christmas, share with the group some of the good things God has done for you in your life.
2. In verse 52, Mary says, "He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate." What else has the Bible to teach about humility resulting in exaltation? There are passages which teach this as well as accounts of biblical narrative (stories).
3. Mary's song celebrates hope in the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15's promise. What are some other expressions of that hope both in the Bible and from other sources? (e.g. Romans 11:33-36 and "O Holy Night")