

Mary's Song is considered by some to be the Magna Carta of the gospel. It is a revolutionary statement which predicts the transformational power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

GOD EXALTS THE HUMBLE

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. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. (Luke 1:46-50)

God chose a young, uneducated, peasant girl who found favor with God because she feared God and was humble before Him. Mary is an example of what it means to be a recipient of God's mercy and grace.

3 revolutionary changes because of the birth of Christ

1. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WILL BRING ABOUT A MORAL REVOLUTION

"...he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts." (Luke 1:51b)

A life of humility

- 1) A life transformed by humble acknowledgment of God in all things
- 2) A life of service to others.

2. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WILL BRING ABOUT A SOCIAL REVOLUTION

He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. (Luke 1:52)

The power of the gospel is L_____.

3. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST WILL BRING ABOUT AN ECONOMIC REVOLUTION

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. (Luke 1:53)

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 5:3)

This text goes far deeper than a sociological statement. Here is the eternal truth:

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

GOD HAS REMEMBERED TO BE MERCIFUL

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. (Luke 1:50)

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers." (Luke 1:54-55)

This is the story of Christmas.... God remembered. God was merciful. God sent a Savior who started a revolution of love, reconciliation and forgiveness.

When we celebrate Christmas, we celebrate the beginning of a revolution and Jesus is looking for followers who would join him in transforming the world for the glory of God.