

Questions

1. What is mercy? From man's point of view, why is that mercy and might are not always complementary attributes?
2. What are some Bible verses that describe God's power? What are some that describe His mercy? Take time this week to meditate more deeply on these two attributes of God and what they mean for you, as His child.
3. What was Elizabeth commanding in Luke 1:45? When was the last time you encouraged or commanded another believer for how they exercised faith in the Lord?
4. Luke used the word *Lord* more than any of the other gospel writers (Matthew, Mark and John), and He used it to speak of deity and of Jesus. How does that guide our understanding of Elizabeth's statement in Luke 1:43?
5. Why is Mary's hymn of praise called the Magnificat?
6. We cannot make God greater or larger than He is, so what does it mean to magnify the Lord? What do you do (or can you do) to magnify the Lord in your own life and in the lives of people around you?
7. How is Mary's rejoicing over God's mercy comparable to yours?
8. What is the ultimate fulfillment of Luke 1:50-55?
9. Who are you making the star of your life? Whose direction are you following? Whose wisdom are you seeking?



Merciful and Mighty

Luke 1:46-55

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Mary's hymn of praise offers a pattern for God's people to help us enlarge our vision of His mercy and His might, and to grow our rejoicing in the Lord for who He is and all that He's done.

God's mercy (Grudem) – His goodness toward those in misery and distress.

God's might – His ability to do all that He determines to do.

The Announcement to Mary (1:35-38)

Mary's Hymn of Praise (1:46-55)

- Mary's praise for what God had done for her (1:46-49)

Mary's Visit to Elizabeth and Elizabeth's Profession (1:39-45)

- Mary's praise for what God would do for His people (1:50-55)