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Read: LUKE 1:49-55

GOD IS BIGGER THAN EVERY TRIBULATION THAT WE MAY ENCOUNTER

Luke 1:49-55 is known as the "Magnificat", "Song of Mary", "Canticle of Mary", or "Ode of the Theotokos." A canticle is a song that has Words from the Bible and is used in Christian church services. After Mary was impregnated by the Holy Ghost with our Messiah, she visited her cousin Elizabeth. Mary saw Elizabeth, who was also miraculously pregnant, after she was thought to be barren. Mary was blessed by God because He selected her for the miraculous virgin conception. Mary was tasked with raising the Son of God and understood that she was called by God. So, Mary revered and worshipped Jehovah God in spirit and truth (**John 4:24**).

Mary magnified her Master, explaining why God is worthy of praise, and by focusing on some of God's statutes. Our exonerating God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. Hence, when our enemies appear strong, remember that God is stronger. We must trust that God is in total control regardless of the appearance of our circumstance. God is no respecter of persons and will bless us as He did Mary and Elizabeth (**Acts 10:34**). Have faith in His promise that all things will work together for good for those in Christ, our beloved Deliverer and Savior (**Rom 8:28 & 10:9-10**).

Know that even after one accepts Jesus as Lord, you can still expect trials. **John 16:33** assures us that we shall experience problems. But, in these troublesome end times we should maintain good cheer, knowing that the Comforter shall never leave us and that our redemption draws near. Hence, honor God regardless of your situation.

Mary provides us with a wonderful illustration of how to magnify and worship God. Mary did not want anyone worshipping her, nor praying in her name, because she is NOT God (**John 14:6**).

PRAYER: Father, help me to watch for your prophetic signs and as I stand and pray before the Son of man (**Luke 21:36**). Hallelujah, Jesus is coming back.