



Joy Worth Waiting For [Luke 1:46-55]

Big Idea: Joy is the fruit of remembering God's character in the middle of our waiting.

There is no sweeter manner of living in the world than continuously rejoicing in the Lord.
– C.H. Spurgeon

Joy rooted in . . .

I. God's Gracious Work in Mary's Life

[Luke 1:46-49]

Mary's 3 Responses

- A. Worship and Joy [46-47]
- B. Understanding of God's Awareness [48a]
- C. Celebrating God's Provision [48b-49]

II. God's Gracious Work for Us

[Luke 1:50-53]

- A. God's Mercy [50]
- B. God's Justice [51-53]

III. God's Faithfulness to Israel

[Luke 1:54-55]

[**Luke 1:46-49**] And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, [**Habakkuk 3:18, Acts 16:34**] ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. [**James 1:10, Philippians 3:21**] For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, [**Zephaniah 3:17, Psalm 126:2-3**] and holy is his name. [**Psalm 111:9**]

[**Zephaniah 3:17**] The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

[**Luke 1:50**] And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. [**Titus 3:3-7**]

[**Titus 3:4-5**] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

[**Luke 1:51-53**] He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; [**Daniel 4:37**] ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; [**James 4:10**] ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, [**Psalm 107:9**] and the rich he has sent away empty. [**Job 22:9**]

[**James 4:10**] Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you

[**Luke 1:54-55**] He has helped his servant Israel, [**Isaiah 41:8-9, Hebrews 2:16**] in remembrance of his mercy, [**Psalm 98:3, Micah 7:20, Luke 1:72-73**] ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, [**Genesis 17:19, Psalm 132:11, Galatians 3:16**] to Abraham and to his offspring forever." [**Psalm 98:3, Micah 7:20, Luke 1:72-73**]

[**Micah 7:20**] You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Study Questions and Prayer [+ Challenge]

- [1] Mary's joy flows from remembering what God has done in her life and in Israel's history. What are some ways you can actively "remember" God's past faithfulness in your own life, especially during seasons of waiting?
- [2] Mary rejoices even before her circumstances fully change. How can you cultivate joy rooted in God's promises rather than in your current situation? Can you share an example of a time you experienced joy while still waiting on God?
- [3] Mary sings about God's justice: the proud scattered, the humble lifted, the hungry filled. How does this vision of God's kingdom challenge the way you think about your own circumstances or the world around you? How can it inspire hope and trust during waiting periods?
- [4] Pray for God to give you trust, patience, and joy in the middle of your waiting.
- [5] Challenge: This week, take time each day to remember one way God has been faithful in your life, and let that memory fuel your joy and trust, even as you wait for what only He can do.