

**WITH GOD NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE (MARY'S SONG, THE MAGNIFICAT (Lk. 1:39-45; 46-55))**

Our God is the God of possibilities. He makes a way where there is no way. He makes the impossible, possible. He springs roses in the wilderness. He springs water from the rock.

We believe in the **GOD OF POSSIBILITIES**. We believe in the **GOD OF HOPE**. We believe in the **GOD OF MIRACLES**.

Mary was highly favored among all women therefore she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. Mary was chosen because she found favor with God. The New Testament writers do not indicate that Mary is to be worshipped, prayed to, or given special titles. The text says, *Mary was highly favored above all women*. (Luke 1:28). Mary merits our respect while her Son deserves our worship. Her humble and godly life pleased God to extent that God favored her for this most important task. Mary's blessing brought her great joy, but also much suffering and pain, for later her Son would be rejected and crucified. In this world, God's calling always brings blessing and suffering, joy and sadness, success and disappointments as we walk God's way. Mary submitted herself completely to God's will and trusted to do what seemed impossible. Both Matthew and Luke state explicitly and unmistakably that Jesus came into this world as a result of the miraculous deed of God. Mary accepted the honor and the reproach that came with conceiving the holy baby. The miraculous conception makes Jesus holy and free from the taint of sin. Young women in the Church may strive to follow Mary's example by being humble and submissive to the will of God.

Mary was blessed because God chose to bless her. Blessing, *Barak(ah)* is the fruit of God's grace; *Barakah* is the good ensured by God's favor. To bless is to pronounce or convey spiritual benefits/ gifts usually pronounced by God. Only the one in authority, God, a priest, a parent may pronounce a blessing, *Barakah*. We don't earn a blessing by accomplishments. We only receive a blessing out of favor. Blessing includes both temporal and spiritual benefits pronounced to us.

What makes a miracle is what makes a blessing because blessings come from God. We, like Mary, can only say to God, "*Let it be, to me, according to your Word.*" **God is OUR HERO IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD TIMES. God is our hero, when go through the life's tough circumstances. God is our JEHOVAH JIRE, meaning our PROVIDER in time of need. God is OUR VINDICATOR for he prepares a table before our enemies. May God's favor come upon us now, tomorrow, and forever.**

In response to the miracle and blessing that God had conferred upon her, Mary was not silent. In her wonder Mary burst into song, the MAGNIFICAT after the Latin word for glorification or praising God, *Magnus Dei*. There is nothing so traditionally Jewish like the Art of Singing.

**The Psalms are examples of Jewish songs by Jewish composers.**

Mary stands in the long tradition of **female singers**.

From **Miriam** the **sister of Moses** with her tambourine, thru **Deborah**, **Hannah**, and **Judith**, all were wonderful Jewish female singers and dancers. From these examples, Church have adopted

and learned that it is okay to sing for Lord and it is okay to dance for the Lord in liturgical dances.

No man could do what Mary did, namely; She begot Jesus, the Son of God. Mary's song, the Magnificat, is the song of Victory. It is a song of Salvation. A song of hope. Mary didn't sing the blues that seemed to cover her horizon because of her pregnancy. Mary glorified the Lord with a **song of salvation and victory**.

She glorified the Lord from her very inner being. She said, *My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior*. God is the subject of Mary's song. She sung from her **soul**. The **soul** is the very essence of who we are; indeed the inner man. God breathed into each one of us the **living soul**.

**Mary** also employed **her spirit** in magnifying the Lord. **The spirit** is the emotional part of our being. Since God is Spirit, the apostle John says that we must *worship Him in spirit and truth*. **Mary** magnified God with her **soul**; **She** declared the greatness of God with spirit. She glorified God with her Spirit, the very emotional part of her being. She declared God's power; His holiness; His mercy; and His provision.

She did not slip into the sin of pride of singing about herself, her looks, her person, her position, her heritage, her ability, her achievement, or her upbringing. The lesson to us is this, the more God blesses us, the more we should praise Him. We are to sing praises to the Lord and declare his glory among people with all that we are. Our entire being should rejoice in the Lord. We are to praise God with our very best. So, let us join the **angelic choir** and the **shepherds in the fields** to glorify God.

God is our Savior and salvation is what we need. Sinners like we are can humble ourselves before God the way Mary did. God is not Mary's Savior alone, He is our Savior. Her Son Jesus is a Savior to all. God saved you, He saved me, He will save all that seek Him diligently. He is worthy to be praised. Amen!