

SERMON NOTES

The Miracle Expressed
Luke 1:39-80

Heaven is vibrant with song: "And they sing the song of Moses ... and the song of the Lamb" (Revelation 15:3). Walter B. Knight

Key thought: Worship singing is the overflow of God's work of grace in and through your life!

Luke 1:39-45 Elizabeth's Song (Key verse is v. 41, "filled with the Holy Spirit")

Luke 1:46-56 Mary's Song (Key verses are vv. 46-47)

- She praises God and eight times tells us what God has done ("He has . . .," NKJV)
- Note that Mary acknowledged God as her Savior (v. 47)
- She praised God for what He did for her (vv. 46-49)
- For all who fear Him (vv. 50-53)
- For His people Israel (vv. 54-55)

Luke 1:57-80 Zacharias' Song (Key verse is v. 68, "He has visited and redeemed His people")

- Purchase from slavery (v. 68)
- Deliverance from danger (v. 74)
- Forgiveness of a debt (v. 77)
- The dawning of a new day (vv. 78-79; Isaiah 9:2)
- Note the emphasis on salvation (vv. 69, 71, 77)

From these songs we learn that...

I. Expressions of praise flow from being...

- A. A recipient of God's grace
- B. A participant in God's work

II. Expectations of promises fulfilled provide a...

- A. Motivation for praise
- B. Meaning of our praise
- C. Message in our praise