

God My Savior!

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“And Mary said: My soul glorifies the Lord (Psalm 34:2-3) and my spirit rejoices (Psalm 34:2-3) (Isaiah 61:10) in God my Savior, (Psalm 18:46) (Isa. 17:10) for he has been mindful of the humble state (Low Estate) of His servant. (Psalm 138:6) From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me (Psalm 71:19) – Holy is His Name. (Psalm 111:9)

His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation. (Psalm 103:17) He has performed mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. (Isaiah 40:10 & Genesis 11:8 The tower of Babel) He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. (Proverbs 29:33) He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. (Psalm 107:9) He has helped His servant Israel, remembers to be merciful (Psalm 98:3) to Abraham and his descendants forever. Even as He said to our fathers. (Genesis 17:7)”

Did you have anything to say about who your parents would be?

Did God come up to you and ask you what year you wanted to be born?

Did you have a choice as to which country or state you would be born?

Galatians 4:4-5 – “But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” (Children of God)

After Adam and Eve fell into sin by eating of the *fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*, God went and found them, hiding from God, running away from God. Because of their sin, they were afraid of God. Because of their sin the perfect relationship between God and mankind was broken. Mankind (only Adam and Eve at the time) became enemies of God.

This hostility between God and mankind is clarified by God through the Apostle Paul in **Romans 8:6-8 – “The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 – the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. 8 – Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.”**

This sinful state belongs to each and every human being from the moment they were conceived, as God tells us through the Psalmist in Psalm Ps. 51:5. (Except for Jesus, Who is God Our Savior - Equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit)

After God approached Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, He made the 1st promise of the Savior.

Genesis 3:15 – “And I will put enmity between you (Satan) and woman, and between your (Satan) offspring and hers; He will crush your (Satan’s) head, and (even though) you (Satan) will strike HIS (The Savior) heel.”

The One Who would crush the power of Satan and sin and death finally came after some 4,114 years. After all those years God sends the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a small insignificant town, in the province called Galilee to a virgin named Mary. The angel Gabriel greets her: Rejoice / Greetings / Hail - You who are highly favored! The Lord is With You!

There is nothing in or about Mary that makes her any different than any other woman, yet the Lord God Chose her to be the Mother of God. The Mother of the Baby Jesus. The time had finally come.

This Young maiden, by the name of MARY, and Scriptures The Holy Bible states two times in Luke 1:26 & vs. 27 – The Virgin - Παρθενον - Emphasizing the fact that Mary did not have sex. She is going to be having a baby, She is going to become pregnant before her and Joseph consummate their marriage.

How is it that Mary is going to be having a BABY?!? Every Baby is a Miracle of God.

Psalm 127:3 – “Sons are a heritage from the LORD, Children a reward from HIM.”

The Virgin Mary was going to have a miracle happen in her, and when she asks, HOW will this Be? The Angel Gabriel replies to her with the Word of the Lord.

Luke 1:35 - "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (RSV)

The Bible has other examples of Miracle Babies that were out of the ordinary.

- Elkanah and Hannah had Samuel, and they were elderly and Hannah had been barren.
- Abraham and Sarah had Isaac. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90.
- Zechariah and Elizabeth were Old and past the age of child bearing, and yet the Lord blessed them with John The Baptist.

Now Mary was going to be the recipient of an even more amazing miracle. God the Holy Spirit would Overshadow her.

Πνευμα Αγιον επελευσεται επι σε και δυναμις υψιστου επισκιασει σοι, διο και γεννωμενων αγιον κληθησεται υιοσ θεου -

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will OVERSHADOW you, and therefore the One Conceived / Begotten will be called the Holy Son of God.”

Overwhelming! Incomprehensible to the human mind and intellect! That is because God is Bigger than us!

God is the Creator of the Universe. God is Our Savior. Jesus is God!

Mary simply believed the Angel.

“I am the Lord’s Servant, May it be as you have said.”

– In Great joy Mary goes to see her RELATIVE – ELIZABETH.

Birds of a feather flock together. Who is going to understand what is happening better than Elizabeth. And Elizabeth also would have needed some support and encouragement!

The baby - John the Baptist - leaps in the womb of Elizabeth. Babies can hear in the womb, we learn this from Scripture. Who needs science?

Mary then goes into the words known as the *Magnificate*. My Soul Magnifies The Lord.

Mary gives Praise to The LORD. To GOD, Her Savior. Mary, a young Virgin of the age 15-17, is led by the Holy Spirit to recognize Her need for a SAVIOR. Mary admits with those Words, that She is a sinful human being.

Mary has died. Her body awaits in the grave as her soul is with the Lord. Mary is Not God. Mary does not intercede for us, nor is she able. God tells us in other portions of Scripture who it is that intercedes for us:

Romans 8:26-27 – “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He Who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s Will.”

ALSO Jesus Christ our Great High Priest Intercedes for us at the Right Hand of the Father:

Romans 8:34 – Who is He that condemns? Christ Jesus, Who died – more than that, Who was raised to life – is at the Right Hand of God and is also interceding for us.”

Hebrews 7:24 - 25 – “because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. 25 – Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”

As we hear and read this song of Mary, we see that even as a Young Virgin Teenager, she is so versed in Scripture that she is lead by the Holy Spirit to string together words of God into the *Magnificate*. What an example for all of us to study the word of God.

This should demonstrate for us that if a teenage virgin can be well versed in Scripture, Why can’t we?

Are we too busy to study Scripture, or too proud to humble ourselves to the study of Scripture? What is our excuse? As we become more familiar with Scripture, we dare not become proud.

As we note the comparisons that Mary makes of Pride verses Humility.

Vs. 51 – He has performed mighty deeds with His arm; He as scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. (Isaiah 40:10 & Genesis 11:8 The tower of Babel)

Vs. 52 – He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. (Proverbs 29:33)

Vs. 53 – He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. (Psalm 107:9)

The ultimate demonstration of Humility is of course God taking on flesh and blood to save mankind from hell.

(Notice. Mary says, God My Savior.)

The Baby Jesus Is God Who walked among us, Who rode to the cross of Calvary for the sin of the World, Who suffered the pains of Hell on our behalf, Who died, laid in the tomb for three days, and on the third day rose again victoriously.

Why? Because of His Love for you! To win heaven for you! Because of the baby Jesus You can look forward to heaven where there is no more sin, or death or pain or sorrow, and we get those new glorified bodies as we will life with Him forever in Heaven.

My soul glorifies **the Lord** (Psalm 34:2-3)

Vs. 47 – and my spirit rejoices (Psalm 34:2-3) (Isaiah 61:10)

in **God my Savior**, (Psalm 18:46) (Isa. 17:10)

Vs. 48 – **for he has been mindful of the humble state (Low Estate) of His servant. AMEN!**