Mary’s Praise to God


Related Scriptures: I Samuel 2:1-10; Psalms 103:1-5; 107:31-43; Zephaniah 3:14-17

TIME: 7 or 6 B.C. PLACE: hill country of Judea

GOLDEN TEXT—“My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed” (Luke 1:47-48).

Introduction

For most couples, one of the most exciting things about expecting a baby is sharing the news with other family members. One young husband bought a small photo album to mail to his mother, and it had the following message on the front cover: “SOGWPIP,” which stood for “Silly Old Grandmother With Pictures in Purse!” Unfortunately, she felt that she was too young to be a grandmother and that her son, still a college student, was too young to be becoming a parent.

That kind of response is probably the exception rather than the rule because, most of the time, parents are quite thrilled to become first-time grandparents.

In Mary’s dialogue with Gabriel, she was informed that her older relative Elisabeth, who had been barren, was at that time expecting a baby and was in her sixth month (Luke 1:36). Mary decided to visit her because, for both of them, the impossible was about to happen.

Exposition: Verse by Verse

AN EXCITING VISIT

LUKE 1:39  And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud