

Mary's Song

It was Dr. A. W. Tozer who was known for his unusual ability to penetrate beyond the surface and place words in such a way that really hits home. Who said in his best-selling book *The Knowledge of the Holy*:

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us?”

Many folks wrestle with the question, what is God like? Many have come up with their own subjective answers to that question. Perhaps many may think God is angry, or non-existent, or loving, or distant, or fluffy (like a cuddly teddy bear), or faithful. Then there are those, who do not want a Holy God in their thinking at all! So how do we know we got the right answer? The answer is what sparked the first song in Luke's account of the first Christmas. This song gives us a couple words that describe God. This is

Mary's song:

Luke 1:46-55 ⁴⁶And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the LORD ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has been **mindful** of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹for the **Mighty One** has done great things for me- holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has performed **mighty** deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

1. God is Mindful – The Oxford dictionary defines “mindful” as: taking thought or taking care or keeping remembrance of something. This is why Mary was so stoked- that by the world's system she may be small in proportion, but in the eyes of God who created the world not so. But God is also mindful of us. He has helped ‘his servant’, that being the nation of Israel, it all points back to the promise of Abraham (Genesis 12:2-3). A Son will be given who will fulfill all God's promises, because God is mindful of us. Mary, stating that God has been mindful of her, and that by being mindful of her, He has been mindful of His people as a whole. The Son has been given! This is what God is like! This is the God of Christmas, of history, He is mindful of you, and knows you, and cares for you! Thus, He has provided *The Way* that you may come to Him.

2. God is the Mighty One – Mary pictures what God is like, a warrior, who strikes His sword! She describes The Warrior in **V 51** – “He scatters those who are proud in thought” – God is not going to share His glory with anyone else. God will not allow anyone to perch over Him (socially, politically, economically) James 4:6, Prov. 21:4. **V 52** - “He has brought down rulers from their thrones” – Just look at history and you see it happening right before our eyes – The proudest empires God will wipe out and crumble to nothing. **V 53** - “He has sent the rich away empty” - It is possible to be wealthy and have an empty soul. So many chase wealth and think this will bring them happiness. Sometimes God in His Might will take things away from people to get their attention, so they will be delivered from their self-sufficient schemes and proud heart. When life is good, we all too often ignore God and actually place ourselves on the throne. That's why “*God scatters those who are proud*”, God wants us to see that He isn't a little God who just fits into all our schedules and priorities. This Is Good News! He is so much bigger, and mightier than we are! We don't have it all together, we don't have Him figured out- and

everyone one of us need Him! Because everyone of us have sinned against the Divine Court in Heaven- God is mindful and has provided Himself- Jesus Christ. **Merry Christmas**