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# THE PROMISE FULFILLED

*Exploring the Nativity Hymns in the gospel of Luke*





# WHAT WILL MAKE YOU CELEBRATE WILDLY?

What will be your spontaneous response?



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**Magnificat**  
Celebrating God's Greatness

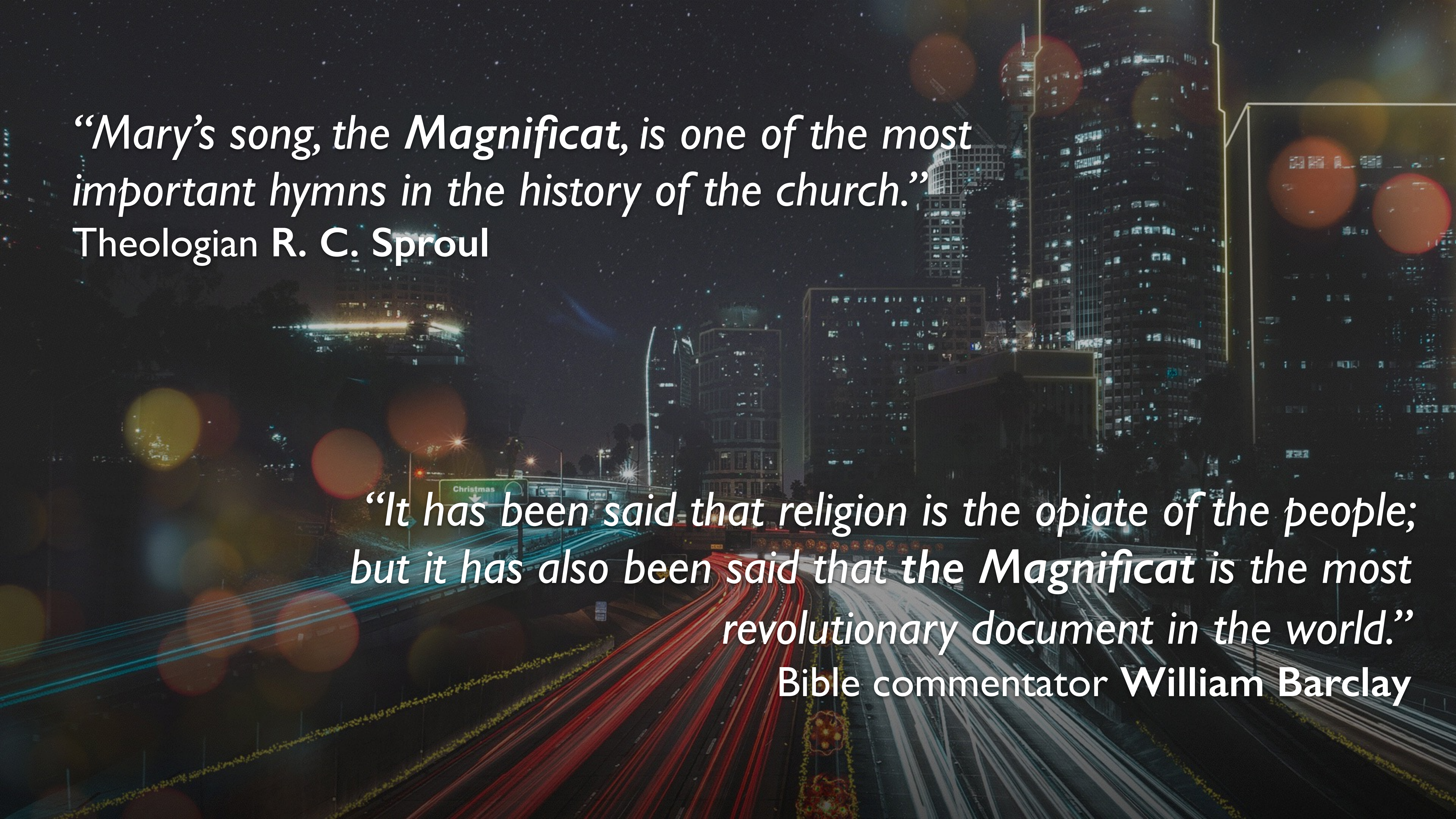
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**Benedictus**  
Celebrating God's Promise

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**Gloria**  
Celebrating God's Presence





*“Mary’s song, the **Magnificat**, is one of the most important hymns in the history of the church.”*

Theologian **R. C. Sproul**

*“It has been said that religion is the opiate of the people; but it has also been said that the **Magnificat** is the most revolutionary document in the world.”*

Bible commentator **William Barclay**



## Isaiah 7:14 ESV

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.  
Behold, **the virgin shall conceive and bear a son**, and shall call his name Immanuel.

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## **Luke 1:46-55 NIV**

*46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord*

*47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,*

*48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.*

*50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.*

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## **Luke 1:51-55 NIV**

*51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.*

*52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.*

*53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”*

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# Magnificat

Celebrating God's Greatness

**Luke 1:46-47 ESV**

46 And Mary said, "**My soul magnifies** the Lord, 47 and **my spirit rejoices** in God **my Savior,**



## **Luke 1:26-38 ESV**

**26** *In the sixth month **the angel Gabriel** was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,*  
**27** *to a virgin **betrothed** to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.*

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## Luke 1:28-38 ESV

<sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, “**Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!**” <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, “**Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.**”

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## Luke 1:31-38 ESV

<sup>31</sup>And behold, **you will conceive** in your womb and **bear a son**, and you shall **call his name Jesus**.

<sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

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## Luke 1:34-38 ESV

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, **“How will this be, since I am a virgin?”**

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, “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.

Go to Matthew 1

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## Matthew 1:18-25 ESV

<sup>18</sup> **Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.** When his mother **Mary** had been betrothed to **Joseph**, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, **an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream**, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

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## Matthew 1:18-25 ESV

<sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**, for he will save his people from their sins.”

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name **Immanuel**” (which means, God with us).

<sup>24</sup> When **Joseph** woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name **Jesus**.

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## Luke 1:36-38 ESV

<sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative **Elizabeth** in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup>And **Mary** said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; **let it be to me according to your word.**” And the angel departed from her.

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## **Luke 1:39-45 ESV**

*<sup>39</sup>At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup>where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>**When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.***

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## Luke 1:39-45 ESV

<sup>42</sup>In a loud voice she exclaimed: “**Blessed** are you among women, and **blessed** is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup>But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

<sup>45</sup>**Blessed** is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

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# WHY IS MARY MERRY?

*What is MAGNIFICAT all about?*

*3 Descriptions of Magnificat*



# I. GOD IS MINDFUL OF HIS PEOPLE

*48 for he has been **mindful** of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. 50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.*



## Psalm 48:1-2 ESV

*I **Great** is the LORD and **greatly** to be praised  
in the city of our God! His holy mountain,  
2 beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,  
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great  
King.*

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## Psalm 8:4 ESV

“what is man that you are **mindful** of him, and the son of man that you care for him?”

## GNT

“what are human beings, **that you think of them**; mere mortals, that you care for them?”

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# 2. GOD IS MIGHTY BY HIS WORKS

51 He has **performed** mighty deeds with his arm;  
He has **scattered** those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

52 He has **brought down** rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.



## Genesis 18:14 ESV

**“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”** At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

## Jeremiah 32:17 ESV

‘Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! **Nothing is too hard for you.**

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## **Zephaniah 3:17 ESV**

“The Lord your God is in your midst, a **mighty** one who will **save**; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”

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# 3. GOD IS MERCIFUL IN ALL HIS WAYS

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# 3. GOD IS MERCIFUL IN ALL HIS WAYS

*How does God show His mercy?*

*3 Groups of people*

- To the **HUMBLE**
- To the **HUNGRY**
- To the **HELPLESS**





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**WHY IS MARY MERRY?**

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## Isaiah 59:1 ESV

“Behold, *the Lord's hand is not shortened,*  
*that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot*  
*hear;”*

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