

DON'T LOSE YOUR SONG

The Neverending Story

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, **40** where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. **41** When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. **42** In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! **43** But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? **44** As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. **45** Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her!"

Mary's Song

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.

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."

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Luke 1:39-56 (NIV)

What does this mean to us? What are we supposed to get from this story?

1. FOLLOW GOD, AND YOU WILL FIND FAVOR.

Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become . . ." Mark 1:17a

2. FIND FRIENDS WITH LIKE FAITH.

"Friendship doubles our joy and divides our grief."

3. DON'T LOSE YOUR SONG.

"We hung our harps

Upon the willows in the midst of it.

For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song,

And those who plundered us requested mirth,

Saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'

How shall we sing the Lord's song

In a foreign land?"

Psalm 137:2-6 (NKJV)

God's song is always worthy to be sung no matter what our condition!

