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Mary's Song

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Do you know that God loves you still?

Will you glorify him?

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John 1:45-46

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The Gospel of
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Malachi 4:2

...the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.



Rossetti, Dante Gabriel *Ecce Ancilla Domini!* (*The Annunciation*) 1849-50, Oil on canvas, 28 1/8 x 16 1/2 in, Tate Gallery, London

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Luke 1:28-29

²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

Mariology – How should we think about her?

Luke 1:30-33

³⁰But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

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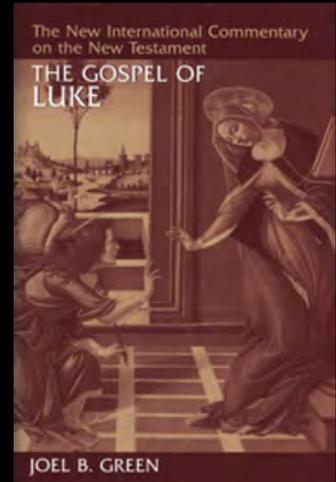
Luke 1:42-45

⁴²In a loud voice Elizabeth exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

⁴³But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!”

Mary would not be called blessed because of any intrinsic personal worth or holiness on her part but because of the child she was bearing. Compare Genesis 30:13 for an example of synonymous parallelism in which Leah's blessedness was due not to her own piety but to God's goodness toward her in granting her a child.

Joel Green, *The Gospel of Luke*,
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Mary's Prophetic Speech - Luke 1:50-55

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God's mercy hath no relation to time, no limitation in time.... Whom God loves He loves to the end; and not only to their end, to their death, but to His end; and His end is, that He might love them still.

John Donne, English Poet and
Cleric in Church of England



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Moral Reversal

Twice the New Testament records: 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble' (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5; both quoting Proverbs 3:34). Those who possess an imagined sense of moral superiority because of their position in life – who are “proud in their inmost thoughts” because of their wealth or education or privilege or elite status or ease – who suppose their station is due to some inward spiritual excellence – are in for a rude awakening, because the arm of God (his ineluctable power) will be loosed against them...

This is sobering news if in our heart of hearts we cherish thoughts of our moral excellence, if arrogantly we imagine that our good fortune in life is somehow due to an innate superiority.

Kent Hughes
Luke: That you may know the truth
Preaching the Word



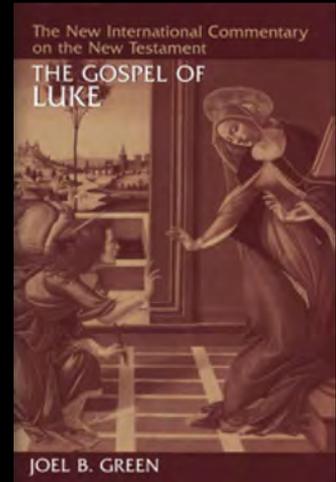
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Social Reversal

Clearly Luke saw in Jesus' coming a great reversal of the world's value system. Indeed with Jesus' coming the humble poor and outcasts become first, i.e., they are receiving salvation, whereas the proud and arrogant become last, i.e., they are rejecting salvation and receiving divine judgment.

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Material/Spiritual Reversal

Consider the hungry in the Gospels: young Mary, aged Simeon and Anna, the fishermen, and the tax-gatherer, and the prostitute with seven devils, and many others – desperately hungry people who were sent away eternally full. Indeed, Mary's Son would make spiritual hunger the fourth pillar of his great sermon: 'Blessed are those who [continually] hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled' (Matthew 5:6).

Jesus calls his people to a desperate hunger...Mary's prophetic past tense set God's promise of satisfaction in eternal concrete — "He has filled the hungry with good things." The filling is not only for now, but for eternity.

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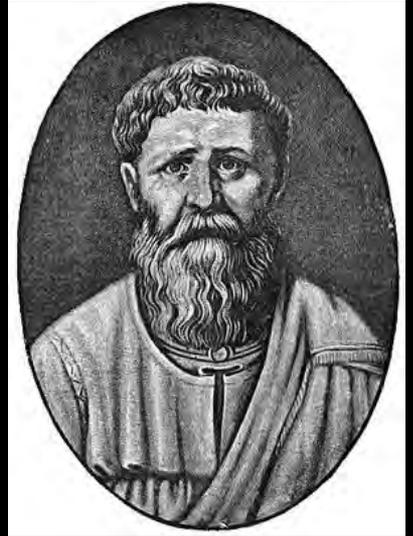
Moral Reversal - Scattered the proud

**Social Reversal - Brought down
rulers**

Spiritual Reversal - Sent rich away

“For those who would learn God’s ways, humility is the first thing, humility is the second, and humility is the third.”

St. Augustine
Christian Theologian and Philosopher



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