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Spontaneous Praise

*And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior."*

(Luke 1:46-47)

Praise is the spontaneous response of a grateful child of God in His presence. The person who knows God and experiences Him intimately sings to the Lord with deepest praise! **Mary was overwhelmed by the Lord's goodness to her.** In response, she sang one of the most beautiful and profound songs of praise found in Scripture. **Trying to stop the praise of a thankful heart would be like trying to arrest the flow of a mighty waterfall!** God created us to praise Him; praise will be our activity when we are gathered around His throne in heaven.

You should never have difficulty thinking of reasons why God deserves your praise. You should enjoy the times you have to praise your Lord, both privately and publicly, in worship. **If your life is not filled with praise, it may be that you have lost your appreciation for God's merciful activity in your life.** Never forget what God has saved you from. Never take for granted what it means to have the assurance of eternity with God. **Do not disregard the spiritual kinship you enjoy with other believers.** Take time often to recount the blessings He has poured out upon you and your family. As you contemplate the boundless love and mercy God has shown you, you will want to sing His praises as Mary did. **Spontaneous praise is authentic praise. It does not have to be manipulated or orchestrated. It is a real and personal expression of a grateful heart and wonder-filled life that has encountered holy God! AMEN.**

Drs. Henry and Richard Blackaby

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20

