

“The Promise Of God”

Wives’ Talk and the Wonders of God!

- I. Luke’s preface and the introduction of John and Jesus (1.1—2.52)
 - A. Preface: Luke carefully builds on precedent (1.1-4)
 - B. Infancy narrative: forerunner and fulfillment (1:5–2:40)
 1. Announcement to Zechariah (1:5–25)
 2. Announcement to Mary (1:26–38)
 3. Meeting of Mary and Elizabeth (1:39–45)

The phrase “mother of my Lord” is close to a liturgical statement, “mother of God,” which is an overstatement of this phase. Mary is not the “mother of God” but is the special vessel for conveying God’s greatest gift of grace.

4. Mary’s praise: the Magnificat (1:46–56)

Frequently labeled the “Magnificat,” the name come from the Latin, “*Magnificat anima mea Dominum*,” “My soul magnifies the Lord.”

God’s blessing in Mary’s own life — Luke 1.46-49

God’s blessing, to all who “fear” Him, is His sovereign work of Loyal-Love — Luke 1.50-53

God’s blessing, especially to His people, is His faithfulness to His Promise — Luke 1.54-55