

Mary's Magnificat
A Joyful Declaration of God
Luke 1:46-55

With the advent of theater, men became skilled at acting and pretending. Our word hypocrite comes from the Greek word used to describe actors. Actors in the ancient Greek theaters would literally put on masks to display their emotions and say their lines. They would deliver heart-endearing scenes, but behind the mask stood the real person—one whose life was completely different from that of his character.

1. God is our _____
 - A. He regards our _____
 - B. He makes a _____ for us
 - C. He deserves our _____
2. God is our _____
 - A. For those who _____ Him
 - 1) God _____ the _____
 - 2) God _____ the _____
 - 3) God _____ the _____
 - B. For those who _____ Him
 - 1) God _____ the _____
 - 2) God _____ the _____
3. God is our _____
 - A. He remembers His _____
 - B. He gives us a _____

What part of Christmas will you take to heart? Will your mind be preoccupied with the pageantry or will it be still enough so that you might take to heart the real meaning and purposes of Christmas? What will be your response when God asks something difficult of you? Mary magnified the Lord in her life the minute she was introduced to our Savior. Will you do the same?

Reflection

Read through the text one more time and identify ways in which your actions have modeled each declaration. Think back to the time when you were introduced to Jesus and you realized just how good God is. As you think through your salvation, try to recapture that moment when God first became real to you and celebrate that moment in private worship this Christmas.