

*"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the low estate of his  
handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all  
generations shall call me blessed." Luke 1:46-48*

Mary called God her "Saviour." Most have this idea that Mary was somehow more pure than the rest of us lowly sinners, not so. True, she was a virgin and especially chosen by God, but I believe, as evidenced by her own words, that it was her heart towards God that drew His favor, and not her perfection. You remember, David was named a "man after God's own heart," but he was an



adulterer and murderer. David always repented and cast himself on the mercy of God. This kind of heart God seeks, repentant not sinless; a heart that continually seeks after His presence. Mary did not have the luxury of "going to school" as the Jewish boys did to learn the Torah. (Our Old Testament) What she knew had to be sought after with diligence and perseverance. Women were only taught household tasks etc. To learn the scriptures would have required extra duty. Her faith and heart were obviously seeking God continually and I firmly believe that this, and this alone, determined the choice of the Almighty. What set her apart was not her supposed "sinless perfection," nay; to the contrary, it was her constant attitude of humble repentance. Why else would she know that God was her "Saviour?" She had oft cast herself on His infinite mercy and found it true. She was not frightened by her fatal condition, rather, she fully trusted her "Saviour." It was customary to stone adulterers to death. No one would have believed her story. Even Joseph, her betrothed, had to be reassured by God. She trusted God to deliver her and He did. We can enjoy the same "blessed" relationship with God that Mary had. It takes a repentant heart that continually seeks after God. All relationships with the Creator are unique and blessed. Each is as individual as the trillions of snowflakes that form every year. You are special to God, dear reader, and His desire is towards you. He will always bless the humble penitent who seeks Him.

Oh, come magnify the KING of kings,  
All honor and glory to Him bring,  
His mercy is for everlasting,  
His blessing, for the soul repenting. ~CGP

God is jealous of our affections, because He loves us with an everlasting love. What lover do you know who is not jealous of their lover's affections? He seeks for the heart that is turned towards Him

*"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6*