

"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 KJV



Mary called God her “*Saviour*.” Most have this idea that Mary was somehow more pure than the rest of us lowly sinners. Some even hold the heresy that she was sinless. If so, why would she say she had a savior? 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. The kind of heart God seeks is repentant not sinless; a heart the continually seeks after His presence. “*For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.’*” 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 which means she faithfully attended Sabbath synagogue and paid attention. 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 knew that to be found with child outside of matrimony was a death sentence, but 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 in a dream of her purity. “*Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.’*” Mary trusted God to deliver her and He did. We can enjoy the same “*blessed*” relationship with God that Mary had. It takes is a repentant heart that continually seeks after God. (Note: Repentance isn’t feeling sorry for your sin: Repentance is forsaking your sin.) All relationships with the Creator are unique and blessed. Each is as individual as the trillions of snowflakes that form every year.

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

You are special to God, dear reader! He will always bless the humble penitent who believes and obeys His Word and seeks Him through faith. 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 hearts that are 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 KJV