

Biblical Sources of Miryam's Hymn

The following table contains a sampling of passages that are either quoted directly or possibly alluded to in Miryam's hymn of praise in Luke 1:46-55. Parallels with Hannah's hymn in 1 Samuel 2 are listed in a separate article: "[Miryam Sings with Hannah in Praise of God.](#)"

Hebrew Notes: (1) The term "the LORD" represents the Tetragrammaton—יהוה/YHWH—as found in the Hebrew text. (2) The word "hesed" (חֶסֶד) is often translated "steadfast love, lovingkindness, unchanging love, or mercy. It denotes covenant-based, loyal love.

Luke 1	Psalms	Other Texts
<p>:46-47 And Mary said:</p> <p>My soul exalts the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.</p>	<p><i>Ps 34:2-3</i> My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear it and rejoice. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.</p> <p><i>Ps 35:9</i> My soul shall rejoice in the LORD; It shall exult in His salvation.</p>	<p><i>Isaiah 61:10</i> I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God.</p> <p><i>Habakkuk 3:18</i> I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.</p>
<p>:48 For he has had regard for the humble state of his bondservant; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.</p>	<p><i>Ps 102:17</i> He has regarded the prayer of the destitute, Nor has he despised their prayer.</p>	<p><i>Genesis 30:13</i> Leah said, Happy am I! For women will call me happy.</p> <p><i>Malachi 3:12</i> All nations will call you [<i>Israel</i>] happy.</p>
<p>:49 For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is his name.</p>	<p><i>Ps 99:3</i> Let them praise Your great and awesome name; Holy is He.</p> <p><i>111:9</i> He has sent redemption to His people, He has ordained His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name.</p> <p><i>126:3</i> The LORD has done great things for us; We are glad.</p>	<p><i>Isa 60:16b</i> Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.</p> <p><i>Ezek 39:7a</i> My holy name I shall make known in the midst of my people Israel.</p> <p><i>Isa 57:15</i> Thus says the High and Exalted One . . . whose name is holy.</p>

<p>:50 And His mercy [=Heb. <i>hesed</i>] is upon generation after generation towards those who fear Him.</p>	<p><i>Ps 103:17</i> But the <i>hesed</i> of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children.</p> <p><i>118:4</i> O let those who fear the LORD say, "His <i>hesed</i> is everlasting."</p>	<p><i>Exod 20:5, 6</i> I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God . . . showing <i>hesed</i> to thousands, to those who love me and keep my commandments.</p> <p><i>Exod 34:6-7</i> The LORD, the LORD, a God . . . abounding in <i>hesed</i> and faithfulness; who guards <i>hesed</i> for thousands.</p>
<p>:51 He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart.</p>	<p><i>Ps 89:10</i> You crushed Rahab like one who is slain; You scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.</p> <p><i>Ps 98:1</i> O sing to the LORD a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for him.</p>	<p><i>Exod 15:6b</i> Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.</p> <p><i>Dan 4:37</i> Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven . . . he is able to humble those who walk in pride.</p>
<p>:52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones, And has exalted those who were humble.</p>	<p><i>Ps 107:40-41</i> He pours contempt upon princes, And makes them wander in a pathless waste. But he sets the needy securely on high away from affliction.</p> <p><i>113:7-8</i> He raises the poor from the dust, And lifts the needy from the ash heap.</p>	<p><i>Job 5:11</i> He sets on high those who are lowly, And those who mourn are lifted to safety.</p> <p><i>34:24</i> He breaks in pieces mighty men. . . and sets others in their place.</p> <p><i>Amos 9:11</i> In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old.</p>

<p>:53 He has filled the hungry with good things; And sent away the rich empty-handed.</p>	<p><i>Ps 34:10</i> The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any good thing.</p> <p><i>107:9</i> He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.</p> <p><i>147:6</i> The LORD supports the afflicted; He brings down the wicked to the ground.</p>	
<p>:54 He has given help to Israel his servant, in remembrance of his mercy, [=Heb. <i>hesed</i>]</p> <p>:55 As he spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his offspring forever.</p>	<p><i>Ps 89:3</i> I have made a covenant with my chosen; I have sworn to David my servant.</p> <p><i>98:3</i> He has remembered his <i>hesed</i> and His faithfulness to the house of Israel.</p> <p><i>105:8</i> He has remembered His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a thousand generations, The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac.</p>	<p><i>Micah 7:20</i> You will give truth to Jacob And unchanging love [<i>hesed</i>] to Abraham, Which you swore to our forefathers From the days of old.</p> <p><i>Isaiah 63:7</i> I shall make mention of the <i>hesed</i> of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has granted us, And the great goodness toward the House of Israel, Which He has granted them according to His compassion, And according to the multitude of his [acts of] <i>hesed</i>.</p>

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