

COGA NEWS



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THE MAGNIFICAT: MARY'S SONG TEN KEYS TO AFFECT GENERATIONS *Continued*

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THE PROPER RESPONSE FOR 2025

"BE IT UNTO ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD"

A THREE-PART SONG:

(1) *In the first part Mary praises God for what He had done for herself, (vv. 46-50).*

(2) *In the second, she praises Him for what He had done, and would do, against the oppressors of His people, (vv. 51-53).*

(3) *In the third, she praises Him for what He had done and would do, for His Church, (vv. 53-56).*

In January we covered 1-5. We will now cover the remaining 10 keys to Affect Generations.

6. A Call To Affect Generations

"His mercy is on them that fear him" (v.50):

His loving kindness manifests itself in acts of mercy to all those who fear or reverence His name. When any person like Mary, will submit themselves in reverence to God, they will become a channel of blessings that will flow from generation to generations. An unborn generation awaits this salvation and happiness through our faithful commitment.

7. Unparalleled Victory

"He hath shewed strength with his arm" v.51:

The word "strength" is used for "victory," by many translators. Thus, through Jesus, "He hath gained the victory." God's efficacy is observed in

three different ways: by His finger, His hand, and His arm. The plague of lice was the "finger" of God, (Exod. 7: 18). The plagues in general were wrought by His "hand," (Exod. 3:20).

The destruction of Pharaoh's host in the Red Sea, which was effected by the omnipotence of God, is called the act of His "arm" (Exod. 15:16). With such strength "He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts." The enemies of Christ will be "scattered abroad"; as a whirlwind scatters dust and chaff.

The proud or "haughty" men, who wish to be noticed in preference to all others, will God also scatter. As they in the imagination of their hearts are laying their plans, and imagining that accomplishments - the whirlwind of God's displeasure blows, and they and their scheming are dissipated together. Our victory is unparalleled!

8. Exalting his kingdom

"He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree" v.52:

Or, "He hath taken down potentates from their thrones."

This probably alludes to the removal of Saul from the throne of Israel, and the establishment of the kingdom in the person and family of David.

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As Mary spoke prophetically, this saying may also allude to the destruction of the kingdom of Satan and his allies, and the final dominance of the kingdom of Christ. With leaders with a true servant heart (Matthew 20:25-27).

Colossian 2:15 "Having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them"

In the face of the whole universe.

9. Divine Supply

"He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away" (v.53).

Here God is represented as a Person of unbounded benevolence, who is daily feeding multitudes at His gates. The poor man comes through a sense of his want to get his daily life support, and God feeds him; the rich man comes through the lust of gain, to get more added to his

abundance, and he is sent away empty - not only does he receive nothing more, but often deprives him of that which he has, because he has not improved it to the honor of the Giver (Matt. 25:28-29).

10. Restoration

"He hath holpen [supported] his servant Israel" (v.54).

Israel is here represented as falling, and the Lord comes speedily in and props him up. The house of David was now ready to fall and raise no more; Jesus, being born of the very last branch of the royal line, revived the family, and restored the dominion. In remembrance of his mercy, by mercy, the covenant which God made with Abraham, was intended for all the families of the earth [yours included] (Genesis 12:2-3). God does not forget His servants!

Submission to God's plan for all mankind "Be it unto me according to thy word"



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- Black History Month
- TBD

MARCH

- TBD

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A LITTLE SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT

- What's the best way to celebrate Valentine's Day? Buy chocolates on February 15th—half price, double happiness!
- I trust a rodent to predict the weather about as much as I trust my cat to pay rent.
- I asked God for a Valentine... He reminded me He already wrote me 66 love letters (the Bible!).
- God's love is like WiFi—always available, strong, and free!
- Being single on Valentine's Day just means you get ALL the chocolates for yourself—blessings upon blessings!
- Married couples, remember: Love is patient, love is kind... and love takes out the trash without being asked.

