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**Quiz 6 – Blessings and Songs**

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**1** Mary hears the blessings given to her by God first from Angel Gabriel in his initial greeting to her.

Answer:

True  False

**2** Who did Angel Gabriel declare Mary to be blessed among? (Luke 1:28)

Choose one answer.

- a. Men
- b. Among women
- c. Mankind
- d. God's Creation

**3** Why is Mary troubled at Angel Gabriel's salutation in his initial greeting? (Luke 1:28-29)

Choose one answer.

- a. Mary was a humble young girl who did not consider herself special
- b. Mary did not believe that Gabriel was an angel sent with a message for her by God
- c. Mary's daily life was proceeding as all other girls her age and time
- d. All of the above

**4** According to Mary's worldview, where had the presence of the LORD God dwelt among men in Jewish past?

Choose one answer.

- a. The Ark of the Covenant of the Tabernacle and Temple of God
- b. In the hearts of all men
- c. The third part of the Trinity, the Holy Ghost, provided the presence of God to come to mankind
- d. All of the above.

**5** While the supernatural presence of Angel Gabriel confirms to Mary the extraordinary message of God to her, it confused her.

Answer:

- True  False

**6** What were some of the historical considerations that confused Mary's initial understanding of Gabriel's message? (Will most surely be more than one answer)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. The history of the Jews
- b. She is not a priest
- c. That it is she that is favored by God
- d. The History of the Temple of God

**7** Mary's response to Gabriel's recognition of her blessedness before God was laughter.

Answer:

- True  False

**8** What identity did Mary claim for herself when she humbly accepts the unique role of mother to the Son of God?

Choose one answer.

- a. Obedient servant
- b. Handmaid of the Lord
- c. Mother of God

d. None of the above

**9** What happened within Elisabeth when she first heard Mary's voice call out to her in greeting (Luke 1:39-41)? (May be more than one answer)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. The babe within her womb leaped
- b. She was given full knowledge of the arrival of the Messiah
- c. The Holy Ghost filled Elisabeth
- d. She was given recognition that Mary was the mother of God

**10** What are the first six words of the Song of Mary captured in Luke 1:46-47?

Choose one answer.

- a. My soul doth magnify the Lord
- b. My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior
- c. Blessings to the handmaiden of the Lord
- d. None of the above

**11** What is the Song of Mary expressed in Luke 1:46-56 traditionally called?

Choose one answer.

- a. Magnificat
- b. Song of Hannah
- c. Magnificent
- d. Gospel of Mary

**12** How is the traditional title to Mary's Song in Luke 1:45-56 derived?

Choose one answer.

- a. All of the above
- b. It is the title designated by the Roman Catholic Church
- c. It comes from the fourth word "magnify" at the beginning of the song

d. It is the title that introduces the Gospel of Mary

**13** The Song of Mary in Luke 1:46-56 parallels Psalms 112 and 117 with clear Messianic reflections that declare His eternal presence.

Answer:

True  False

**14** What do some mistakenly claim that Mary's song in Luke 1:46-56 derives from?

Choose one answer.

- a. Ruth's thanksgiving song for deliverance
- b. Martha's prayerful mourning song
- c. Hannah's tearful song filled with expressions of the bitterness of her soul
- d. A combination of all the above

**15** The Magnificat Song of Mary is original, purposeful, moving, and filled with praise that is fully and perfectly expressed by the Holy Ghost within her.

Answer:

True  False

**16** What does Mary reveal concerning the power of God in her song captured in Luke 1:46-56? (More than one answer probable)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. She recognizes that God is merciful towards those that fear Him
- b. She knows God will scatter the proud
- c. She understands that God makes the haughty follow after their imaginations
- d. She knows that God unseat powerful leaders, and raises up those of humble spirit

**17** What teachings of Christ were reflected in the Song of Mary found in Luke 1:46-56?

Choose one answer.

- a. The Beatitudes
- b. The Parables
- c. The Revelations of things to come
- d. All of the above

**18** What does Mary know at the time she sings her song to God in Luke 1:46-56?

Choose one answer.

- a. She knows that the food of God satisfies the hungry while the worldly rich starve
- b. She knows that Israel is chosen by God to be His people, and that they do not even deserve His notice
- c. She recognized the connection between the lineage of Abraham through David to her Son as prophesized
- d. All of the above

**19** When did Zacharias sing his powerful song to God captured in Luke 1:68-79? (May be multiple answers)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. Right after mute Zacharias receives his voice once again
- b. Before his son John is born
- c. After John's birth, naming, and circumcision
- d. All of the above

**20** What were some of the important declarations made by Zacharias in his song to God recorded in Luke 1:68-80? (Will be more than one answer)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. He announced the redemption and salvation of God's people has begun
- b. He declared that his son would be known as a prophet of the most Highest
- c. He said that his son would prepare the path for the Lord
- d. He sings of hidden mysteries of the Lord that will soon unfold