



The Redemption of Scrooge

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Title: Mary Praises God

Scrooge lives by the principle of Just Desserts. Therefore, he has no compassion or care for those who struggle. For him, only the powerful and wealthy count for anything. The others he refers to as “surplus population”.

Luke reports that following her arrival at Elizabeth’s home, Mary raises her voice to praise God. Read Mary’s prayer (out loud) and consider what it says about who God is and what God does.

“Mary said,

“With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored

because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

He shows mercy to everyone,

from one generation to the next,

who honors him as God.

He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty-handed.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,

remembering his mercy,

just as he promised to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to Abraham’s descendants forever.”

(Luke 1:46-55, CEB)

Thought to ponder: How does Mary's view of God contrasts with Scrooge's?

Prayer: God who is on the side of the powerless and helpless, keep us grounded in your grace and participants in your upside-down work in the world. Amen.