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What is the main theme of Mary's song? What does she teach us about God?

Why does this song matter for us today? What should we take from it?

Compare Mary's song to Hannah's song (1Sam 2:1-10). What similarities and parallels do you see? What does the continuity between these songs show us about God?

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