

LESSON 12

MARY

ONE WHO LOVED HER HUSBAND

Please read Luke 1:26-56 carefully before answering the questions.

1. What was God's evaluation of Mary?
2. While some claim she was sinless, what does she say in this regard (vv. 47-48)?
3. Compare the prayer of Mary (vv. 46-55) with that of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1-10). What do they both say about God?
 - Luke 1:49 1 Samuel 2:2
 - Luke 1:51 1 Samuel 2:3
 - Luke 1:52 1 Samuel 2:4
 - Luke 1:53 1 Samuel 2:5
 - Luke 1:54-55 1 Samuel 2:10
4. Contrast Hannah's relationship to her husband before and after she reconciled with God (1 Samuel 1:7-8; 1:18-19).
5. What type of relationship do you feel Mary had with Joseph?
6. What do we know of Mary's moral character from our passage?
7. Why is fidelity an important part of love in marriage (Proverbs 6:32-35)?
8. In addition to faithfulness what other responsibility does a woman have to her mate (1 Corinthians 7:5)?
9. Joseph and Mary mutually abstained from marital relations before they were wed (Matthew 1:25). Why? How do we know this changed after their marriage (Matthew 13:55-56)?
10. What does this teach us regarding the sexual relationship of two persons?

11. List the harm brought about by pre-marital sex to the individual, the home, the church, the society.
12. List ways in which Mary & Joseph united for their common good:
 - Matthew 2:13-14
 - Luke 2:22
 - Luke 2:41
 - Luke 2:42-48
13. How did Mary give herself to God? How did this enable her to give herself to her husband?
14. Describe an area of your life that was yielded to God which resulted in your being able to yield to your husband or father.