(3) Song of Elizabeth to Mary (Lk. 1:39–45)

1. Mary was a Galilean from Nazareth, but her kinsmen Zacharias & Elizabeth lived in the hill country of Judah (Lk. 1:39).

2. John the βρέφος brephos #1025 was filled with the Holy Spirit first (Lk. 1:15), followed by Elizabeth (v.41), followed by Zacharias (v.67).
   a. As babes in Christ, Members of the Church are indwelled by God the Holy Spirit (1st Pet. 2:2).
   b. We then grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2nd Pet. 3:18).
   c. As mature men, we come to understand God the Father’s grace eternal plan of the ages (Lk. 1:67–79).

3. Mary’s fellowship with Elizabeth was centered in the revealed Word of God and provided mutual encouragement for their upcoming work assignments.

4. The content of Elizabeth’s song communicates several important principles.
   a. Any blessings (εὐλογία eulogia #2129) we possess are due to the blessings of Christ (Lk. 1:42; Eph. 1:3).
   b. Privileges, and work-assignment responsibilities, are assigned by God on the basis of grace (Lk. 1:43).
      1) Bearing the Forerunner is a great privilege and work-assignment responsibility (Lk. 1:13–17).
      2) Ministering to the mother of the Christ is another great privilege and work-assignment responsibility (Lk. 1:56; Tit. 2:3–5).
   c. Faith-acceptance of the promises of God and humble obedience to the commands of God produces personal happiness (μακαρία fem.sing. of μακάριος makarios #3107) in the heart of believers (Lk. 1:45).