

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **The First Book of Samuel** chapter 2 verses 1-10, which can be found on page 303 in the **old testament** of your pew bible.*

¹Then Hannah offered this prayer: my heart rejoices in the Lord, in the Lord I now hold my head high; my mouth is full of derision of my foes, exultant because thou hast saved me. There is none except thee, none so holy as the Lord, no rock like our God. Cease your proud boasting, let no word of arrogance pass your lips; for the Lord is a god of all knowledge: he governs all that men do.

Strong men stand in mute dismay but those who faltered put on new strength.

Those who had plenty sell themselves for a crust, and the hungry grow strong again.

The barren woman has seven children, and the mother of many sons is left to languish.

The Lord kills and he gives life, he sends down to Sheol, he can bring the dead up again. The Lord makes a man poor, he makes him rich, he brings down and he raises up. He lifts the weak out of the dust and raises the poor from the dunghill; to give them a place among the great, to set them in seats of honour.

For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's, he has built the world upon them. He will guard the footsteps of his saints, while the wicked sink into silence and gloom; not by mere strength shall a man prevail. Those that stand against the Lord will be terrified when the High God thunders out of heaven. The Lord is judge even to the ends of the earth, he will give strength to his king and raise high the head of his anointed prince.

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*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **Luke** chapter 1 verses **39-56**, which can be found on page **69** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

³⁹About this time Mary set out and went straight to a town in the uplands of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby stirred in her womb. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried aloud, 'God's blessing is on you above all women, and his blessing is on the fruit of your womb. Who am I, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? I tell you, when your greeting sounded in my ears, the baby in my womb leapt for joy. How happy is she who has had faith that the Lord's promise would be fulfilled!' And Mary said:

'Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord, rejoice, rejoice, my spirit, in God my saviour; so tenderly has he looked upon his servant, humble as she is. For, from this day forth, all generations will count me blessed, so wonderfully has he dealt with me, the Lord, the Might One. His name is Holy; his mercy sure from generation to generation toward those who fear him; the deeds his own right arm has done disclose his might: the arrogance of heart and mind he has put to rout he has brought down monarchs from their thrones, but the humble have been lifted high. The hungry he has satisfied with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has ranged himself at the side of Israel his servant; firm in his promise to our forefathers, he has not forgotten to show mercy to Abraham and his children's children, for ever.'

Mary stayed with her about three months and then returned home.

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.