

Full text of Luke 1:39-55

Bitter Tears (Mary) quickly put together a traveling bundle and went to visit her cousin Creator Is My Promise (Elizabeth), who lived in a nearby village in the hill country of the Land of Promise (Judea). When she entered the home of her relatives, she greeted her cousin.

When Creator Is My Promise (Elizabeth) heard Bitter Tear's (Mary's) greeting, she felt her child jump inside her. She was filled with Holy Spirit, and when a loud cry she lifted her voice and spoke these blessing words to Bitter Tears (Mary).

"The Most Holy One has honored you more than any other woman," she laughed. "The child you carry inside you will bring great blessings to all people. Why is Creator being so kind to me sending the mother of the Great Chief to visit my home? As soon as I heard your greeting, my baby jumped for joy inside me! You have been chosen by the Maker of Life for a great honor, because you believed his words to you."

When Bitter Tears (Mary) heard this, she was filled with gladness, and her words flowed out like a song.

"From deep in my heart I dance with joy to honor the Great Spirit. Even though I am small and weak, he noticed me. Now I will be looked up to by all. The Mighty One has lifted me up! His name is sacred. He is the Great and Holy One." Her face seemed to shine as she continued.

"He shows kindness and pity to both children and elders who respect him. His strong arm has brought low the ones who think they are better than others. He counts coup with arrogant warrior chiefs but puts a headdress of honor on the ones with humble hearts." She smiled, looked up to the sky, and shouted for joy!

"He prepares a great feast for the ones who are hungry but sends the fat ones home with empty bellies. He has been kind to the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel) who walk in his ways, for he has remembered the ancient promises he made to our ancestors—to Father of Many Nations (Abraham) and his descendants."

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