

He Hath Regarded the Low Estate - 12 Dec 2004

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If you turn to Luke the first chapter, 48th verse: He has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:

I never hear anybody talk; oh my low estate, it's God who lifted me, you know my family was; they did not teach me what was right and what was wrong. All that I was taught was a traditional religion. But do we ever see people who say "oh from what a low estate God has lifted me?" Of course, to be a son of God by virtue of Jesus death upon the cross let it not seem to anybody as a light matter. He hath regarded the low estate. You know we talk about, oh my family, they are rich, they are great. There is something else, let me tell you my dear friends, as families goal we have a very poor record today and a very vain record. It is only economic climbing that we think of or talk of. You know some time ago somewhere in a very distinguished group, I asked, how many of you are a farming background?, most of them were from a farming background because our fore fathers did not have ford cars to make....! They ploughed their fields and fed their families. So what's wrong with that, what's wrong about saying my family is a poor family and we had to scrape and save to feed every mouth. What's wrong with that? No we like to talk up ourselves; you know we think, cloths give us status; No. We think appearance gives us standing; No. It's only what you are, in the sight of God that you are, really are. What I am in the sight of God is all that matters, nothing else. You know I can impress you all and impress others as being some great one, what is it going to help me? When God sees me as a little dwarf, a moral dwarf; today many of us are moral dwarfs. We can't state the truth, we can't stand for the truth, we can't spread the truth, we have allowed the world to sink into such a state when people like Buddha or some of these gurus are called God, which they never claimed to be. We have allowed the truth to fall in the streets. We have not taken the truth to the needy and today anything goes. If it's going to bring money in, moral considerations simply don't matter. He hath regarded my low estate. You know when we can't talk like that we don't know anything about God. However high you might feel when you come to put yourself

next to Jesus Christ you will see a low estate. You can't help but see it. I see my low estate every day. And I am not ashamed to declare it. That's a fact. He has regarded, he didn't discard. He regarded my low estate and came down for me and took my sin upon himself. What a message we have to declare at Christmas. Now we see again the 52nd verse; Mary is still on that same note, he hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree. You know the secret of the Christian life is this, the humbler you get, the lower you go, the higher you rise. It's not easy for us to humble ourselves, even to say sorry is so hard you know. If people could come up with a sorry there wouldn't be any trouble at all. Our divorce courts would be empty, but it's so hard to say sorry, why? The pride of the heart. Don't you see Jesus Christ upon the cross saying sorry on your behalf? Has he any sin to be sorry about? Any crime? and yet we see Jesus on the cross saying sorry on our behalf. Taking all our sin and shame and we find it so hard not withstanding to humble ourselves. My dear friends, if the manger and the cross is not going to teach us a little bit of humility, nothing will. And our religion is going to be forever what it is, a bunch of humbug. Nothing at all to it. He hath regarded my low estate. So my dear friends, I also see at Christmas, Trust. Love, going down, humbling ourselves and trust, believing. Why do we have any problem believing each other? Now we need such documentation, we need this, we need that, a yes is no longer valid. You know, my grandfather when he died, there were two sons and my father said to his elder brother who had several children, "brother, you take the property. I don't need it" that was it. I can't remember my dad even making a trip to sign anything away. You know my dear friends; how trust is gone!! Joseph can trust, yes, what God has told me is true. That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost and she is the chosen virgin of all ages and all time. You see there is trust there and it must have been an awesome experience as he trusted the word which the angel spoke to him, what? Am I going to be a care taker of this babe? Am I going to shield him to keep him through infancy? What a trust!! And Mary could trust the word of the lord. And she knew. Now today, we seem to know so much of the bible, we've got it before us but we find it so hard to trust in the word of God. You know one of these camp grounds where I was assigned a little cabin some years ago, I did not quite realize that floor was so fragile and my wife's foot went right

through the floor and it was a miracle that she did not get badly injured. So when you are walking over such a floor, you got to walk timorously, carefully. You see, when we trust Jesus should it be that way? Or can we just fly into his arms like your infant or your toddler wants to fly into your arms, trusts you completely. Friend's at a time when love and trust have broken down, you and I can say here is my yes and it's valid to face any scrutiny, any investigation. How beautiful life becomes when you live with people whom you can trust and love.

You know trust and love go together. When love fails trust fails. When trust fails love fails. How wonderful! We see people at Christmas time, even those poor shepherds, the first to be given this glorious news, trusting! Let us go now and see that which is come to pass. Let us go now; which the lord hath revealed to us, which the lord hath made known unto us. Look friends, instead of saying "hey we must have been dreaming about some angels talking about a manger and a savior, hey did we all go into lapse, into some kind of sleep and we were all dreaming? What were we doing? Oh no let's get back to our job". Those of you are watching, go ahead; some of us will snooze a little. No, let us go now and see this thing which is come to pass which God has made known to us. The reality of the revelation which God gives us; what's the revelation that you are looking for at Christmas? Is there something which you need which you must have from God, some new light? You know if you ask me what's the revelation that you would want from god, this is what I would say, God tell me; how much I am failing you? I want to know, I want to amend, I have very short time to go. I want to know what is the revelation that you want in this Christmas?