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In Exodus 15, we find "The Song of Redemption," celebrating Israel's miraculous crossing of the Red Sea and Jehovah's victorious triumph over the Egyptian armies. These verses are considered by many to be the first Statement of Faith in the Bible. It is the first song recorded in the Bible and sets the pattern for the praises of God's redeemed people. In the New Testament, we are instructed to speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord, to give thanks always for all things, to teach and admonish one another, and to sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord [Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16].

When we read this beautiful hymn of praise in Exodus, we observe what comes before it. In Chapter fourteen, their great deliverance is recorded. I have three observations about this event.

First, notice when their crossing the Red Sea on dry ground took place: "In the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians" [Ex. 14:24]. It was in the "morning watch." To the Hebrews, this was the period of time from 3:00 to 6:00 a.m.

Throughout the Bible, we are reminded of the importance of the morning time. The Psalmist cries, "early will I seek thee." The generous gift of the manna was given each day "in the morning" [Ex. 16:12]. Manna represents Christ, the Living Bread, given to meet all our spiritual needs. It represents the Word of God, given to teach us, direct us, feed us, and to sustain us with spiritual truth. Someone has said, "It would be most beneficial to us if we partook of spiritual bread and fed the inner man before we ate our literal food and fed our physical bodies." Note these references to the morning: Exodus 7:15; 8:20; 9:13; 10:13; Joshua 3:1; 6:12; 7:16; 8:16. Most exemplary is what Mark recorded about our Lord in verse 35 of Chapter 1: "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." Have you made the "morning watch" a guiding principle of your spiritual disciplines? [Matt. 6:33]

Another truth we see in Jehovah's dealings with the Egyptians is that He attacked them at the point of their pride. In Exodus 14:25, we read that "[He] took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily, so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians."

The pride of the Egyptians was their army. Their chariots were renown. They were two-wheeled carriages pulled by two fast war horses. Two soldiers rode in each chariot, one to control the horses while the other fought the enemy using a bow and arrow or a spear.

The psalmist indicates that the Lord sent a tremendous storm with thunder and lightning directed at the army, miring their chariots into the now muddy sea bed. We can only imagine the panic of the horses, the terror of the soldiers, and the pandemonium wreaked by the returning sea walls of water.

Perhaps we should ask ourselves this: what is the source of our pride? What earthly commodity are we leaning upon or trusting in? Is it intellect, abilities, training, or education? Do we glory (even secretly) in some perceived status or privilege? Is it our wealth or saving, or some well-laid scheme of life that we have carefully plotted out? Do we take the gifts, blessings, and favors of the Lord and turn them into idols? The Bible commands us to "flee from idolatry." Obviously then, this is a great temptation for us to displace the Lord with something else, and to rob Him of His supreme place of regard and worship.

God will address these things and send situations to remove them. Our response regarding this potential pitfall is to follow the Apostle's commands in 2 Cor. 10:3-6 and James 4:6-7.

Lastly we see that God chooses the means by which He does His works. In Exodus 14:19, we learn that the Angel of the Lord [a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ in the Old Testament] was present, and yet God instructed Moses to lift his rod that the waters might come again upon the Egyptians. He could have spoken a word Himself, and yet He chose a human instrument and a shepherd's rod to accomplish this

supernatural deed. Jesus said, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," and then He commands us to go proclaim the Gospel to all nations. He may choose a little boy's lunch to feed thousands or some spit and mud to restore a man's eyesight or a fish that has swallowed a coin to pay the temple tax. He could do any of these things in any number of ways. But He sovereignly chooses the means by which He does His works [2 Cor. 1:18-31].

Thank you for your part in helping here at the Where God Is Blessing Broadcasting Network to give out the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. To God alone be the glory.

Your servant,
Chris Lamb

THE BRINKMAN ADVENTURES

SATURDAYS AT 9 A.M.

The Brinkman Adventures is an exciting dramatized radio show that tells true, modern, missionary stories through the eyes of the fictional Brinkman family. Each half-hour episode includes a biblical theme and lessons related to Gospel missions work. The idea for the program began in 2009 while Ian Bultman was praying and reading his Bible. Ian was impressed to create a missionary radio show that would inspire future missionaries. He soon began producing what would later become known as Brinkman Adventures. Ian wrote the first three stories, and his children volunteered as voice actors along with additional voice actors from the Milwaukee area. Over time God sent many talented people from other radio shows who offered technical expertise. The team quickly grew in number to include people from around the globe.

By 2015 the Brinkman team had produced forty-eight half-hour episodes, and today it is in its seventh season. Brinkman Adventures is heard on hundreds of terrestrial radio outlets each week. Today Brinkman Adventures is produced by Beachglass Ministries, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to reaching as many people as possible with these incredible, life-changing stories. Ian was blessed to grow up in a wonderful Christian family with Godly parents. He attended and then taught at the Alaska Bible Institute in Homer Alaska. Later he accepted a call to serve as a pastor in the Milwaukee area, filling that role for eighteen years. When not creating radio drama, Ian enjoys his family and God's creation. He and his wife Amy live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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"FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH; TO THE JEW FIRST, AND ALSO TO THE GREEK."

ROMANS 1:16

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