



EXODUS

FROM BONDAGE TO FREEDOM

BIBLE TEXT | EXODUS 15:1-21

1 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider[a] he has thrown into the sea.

2 The Lord is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The Lord is a man of war;

the Lord is his name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,

and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

5 The floods covered them;

they went down into the depths like a stone.

6 Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,

your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;

you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;

the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,

I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

10 You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;

they sank like lead in the mighty waters.



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11 "Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?"

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

12 You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.

13 "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

14 The peoples have heard; they tremble;
pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

15 Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;
trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

16 Terror and dread fall upon them;
because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,
till your people, O Lord, pass by,
till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

17 You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

18 The Lord will reign forever and ever."

19 For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. **20** Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. **21** And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea."



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DEVOTIONAL FOR EXODUS 15:1-21

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There is a continuous message in Exodus that jumps out of the pages. It is to make His name known throughout all generations. God is presenting himself in Exodus with a majestic name, a name with which He had not revealed of Himself before. As I read this, I'm overwhelmed by a sense of awe. It is a sense that compels me to share His story. To be honest, I often struggle finding the "right" story to share so that others might identify with me and be more open to the gospel. Sometimes I hold back because I don't have a great salvation story or a great miracle in my life that relates to that particular situation. Yet, this passage reminds me that it's about making His name known, not mine.

Do not take me wrong. God has saved me and done many miracles throughout my life, but in these pages, I am learning that the message is simply that He redeems and He is God. Today's passage isn't about praising Moses' life and story. Instead, it's about praising God for delivering His chosen people. This song goes deeper into the many ways God showed His power and Himself as the only true God. This shows me that I can talk about His name, His attributes, His love, His protection, His redemption, and the one that stood out to me the most, His majesty.

God is bringing the people of Israel to His mountain. The idea is of a place where God will show Himself beyond any awe anyone could ever express. I can see God's tender love caring for His people as they journey to the promised land. This shows me God's desire to be with His people. My heart is undone with so much love, and such great majesty. Did you catch it? There was nothing out of God's control. Moreover, the miracles performed do not seem to make God sweat. "At the blast of [God's] nostrils the waters piled up." (verse 8) It takes no effort for God to win the battle. "In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries." (verse 7). The chapter goes on and on to describe the majesty of our God. It is amazing! Yet, it is simply a shadow of what is to come (Hebrews 10:1). One day we will behold Him in all His glory and majesty (Revelation 22:3-5).

Questions:

1. What is the last thing you read in God's word that gave you a sense of awe?
2. Is there anything preventing you from looking forward to seeing God face to face?
3. Have you praised God today? (Hint: If no words come to you, read aloud Exodus 15:1-21.)