

A Song of Worship to the Lord!

Basic outline of this song.

- v. 1-10 God's great triumph over the Egyptians.
- v. 11-13 emphasis on the incomparability of God
- v. 14-16 the impact of the deeds of God on the peoples around them, the Philistines, the Moabites, the various peoples of the land trembled when they see the deeds of God.
- v. 17- 18 The future things that the Lord is going to do for Israel.

This song is a song that calls us to reality. The reason that we gather as the people of God is to worship the living God.

Missions arises from the heart of God himself and is communicated from His heart to ours. Mission is the global outreach of the global people of a global God.

Exodus 15:1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will **sing unto the Lord**, for **he hath triumphed gloriously**: The horse and his rider hath **he** thrown into the sea. 2 **The Lord is my strength and song**, And **he** is become my salvation: **He** is my **God**, and I will prepare **him** an habitation; 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 hath **he** cast into the sea: His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. 5 The depths have covered them: They sank into the bottom as a stone. 6 **Thy** right hand, O **Lord**, is become glorious in power: **Thy** right hand, O **Lord**, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. 7 And in the greatness of **thine** excellency **thou** hast overthrown them that rose up against **thee**: **Thou** sentest forth **thy** wrath, *which* consumed them as stubble. 8 And with the blast of **thy** nostrils the waters were gathered together, The floods stood upright as an heap, And the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. 10 **Thou** didst blow with **thy** wind, the sea covered them: They sank as lead in the mighty waters. 11 **Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods?** Who is like **thee**, glorious in holiness, Fearful *in* praises, doing wonders? 12 **Thou** stretchedst out **thy** right hand, The earth swallowed them. 13 **Thou** in **thy** mercy hast led forth the people *which* **thou** hast redeemed: **Thou** hast guided *them* in **thy** strength unto **thy** holy habitation. 14 The people shall hear, *and* be afraid: Sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina. 15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; The mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; All the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. 16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; **By the greatness of thine arm** they shall be as still as a stone; Till **thy** people pass over, O **Lord**, Till the people pass over, *which* **thou** hast purchased. 17 **Thou** shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of **thine** inheritance, *In* the place, O **Lord**, *which* **thou** hast made for **thee** to dwell in, *In* the Sanctuary, O **Lord**, *which* **thy** hands have established. 18 **The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.**

(19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the **Lord** brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea. 20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand) and **all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.**

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22 **So Moses brought Israel** from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went **three days** in the wilderness, and found no water. 23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the **people murmured against Moses**, saying, What shall we drink? 25 And he cried unto the **Lord**; and the **Lord** shewed him a tree, *which* when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and **there he proved them**, 26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the **Lord thy God**, and **wilt do that which is right in his sight**, and wilt **give ear to his commandments**, and **keep all his statutes**, I will put **none of these diseases upon thee**, which **I** have brought upon the Egyptians: for **I am the Lord** that healeth thee. 27 And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

Introduction

- **The Song of the Sea** Verses 1 through 18 of this great chapter record for us the song of Moses and the people of Israel. Verse 21 is ascribed to Miriam and the women folk of Israel who apparently sing an antiphonal response to Moses and the men
- Miriam's brief song, you'll notice in verse 21 is identical to the opening lines of Moses' song, and it may well be short hand for a complete repetition of the song of Moses and the men.

1. God's name represents His global reputation.

- a. God **revealed** His agenda regarding His own name as it applied to His purpose with **Pharoah's** life (Exodus 9:16; Romans 9:17; Psalm 106:8).
- b. Did it work? Did God **accomplish** His goal of global fame through the **deliverance** of His people from Egypt?
 - i. Words of **Jethro**, Moses' father-in-law (Exodus 18:1, 8-12)
 - ii. **Rahab's** testimony (Joshua 2:10-11) "Confessions of a Prostitute"
 - iii. Prayer of the **Levites** back from exile (Nehemiah 9:9-10)
 - iv. **Isaiah's** historical narrative (Isaiah 63:11-14, note vv. 12 and 14)
 - v. Daniel mentioned in his **prayer** that God had gotten Himself worldwide fame through the Exodus – 1500 years after the fact! (Daniel 9:15).
 - vi. The **Philistines** in Samuel's day were **aware** and **fearful** of the God of Israel because of what He had done years ago in Egypt (1 Samuel 6:6).
- c. Only One God is so awesome that the unbelievers can see His power and know that He is real 14 The people shall hear, and be afraid: Sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina. 15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; The mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; All the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. 16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; **By the greatness of thine arm** they shall be as still as a stone; Till **thy** people pass over, O **Lord**, Till the people pass over, which **thou** hast purchased.
 - i. The enemies in Palestina would hear about the great victory won by their God
 - ii. Esau and his family would know that the God of Israel was alive and working
 - iii. All those in Canaan would melt away in fear
 - iv. They would hush their mouths and know that God was great
 - v. The lost world would know that God's people had been purchased by Him and were receiving His promise 16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; **By the greatness of thine arm** they shall be as still as a stone; Till **thy** people pass over, O **Lord**, Till the people pass over, which **thou** hast purchased.

So we better be people who praise God for what He has done and worship Him for who He is if we want to continue to be a missionary people. This is something that everyone of you is teaching our children and future missionaries.

2. Being redeemed should move us to praise! 15:1-6

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will **sing unto the Lord**, for **he hath triumphed gloriously**: The horse and his rider hath **he** thrown into the sea.

- a. They sung to recognize who had done great things
- b. The singing took the emphasis off of them and their power and placed it on the Lord God of Heaven who did it all
 - i. Moses is not mentioned!
 - ii. He is the Chief Worshipper!
- c. It was an involuntary expression of the heart. They could but tell of what He had done!
- d. Why? "for He hath" v1
 - i. It is God that has won the victory **HE hath triumphed gloriously**: The horse and his rider hath **he** thrown into the sea.
 - ii. He is our Strength **2 The Lord is my strength and song**, And **he** is become my salvation: **He is my God**, and I will prepare **him** an habitation; My father's **God**, and I will exalt **him**.
 - iii. He is a Warrior. **3 The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name**. **4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he** cast into the sea: His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. **5 The depths have covered them: They sank into the bottom as a stone**.
 1. Pharaoh asked "who is your God, I have never of him".
 2. They did not take credit for being great military strategist
 3. They did not talk of how they defeated the enemy
 4. They were not pinning metals on each other's chest
 - iv. It was all the power of God **6 Thy right hand, O Lord**, is become glorious in power: **Thy right hand, O Lord**, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. **7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: Thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble**. **8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, The floods stood upright as an heap, And the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea**.
- e. We could continue a reading of this chapter, this song and see the following
 - i. God is referred to in this chapter 31 times in only 27 verses
 - ii. They recognized that it was all God
 - iii. They take no credit for anything that happened
 - iv. They do not even mention how quickly they ran or how they took care of their family
 - v. This is a story of praise to God for all that He has done

- f. How often does God get the credit and the glory for the victories that you experience in your life?
 - i. Are you quick to think of yourself, your abilities, and your hard work
 - ii. Do you look to give honor and glory to God for all that you are able to accomplish
 - iii. Do you see God actively involved in your life, your family, and your career
 - iv. Do you worship God for what He is doing in your life

12 **Thou** stretchedst out **thy** right hand, The earth swallowed them. 13 **Thou** in **thy** mercy hast led forth the people *which thou* hast redeemed: **Thou** hast guided *them* in **thy** strength unto **thy** holy habitation.

3. Redemption should lead us to Worship & Loyalty v. 7-11

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- a. The world has many gods but only One is glorious in holiness
- b. Only One is awesome in praise
- c. Only One is the great God of mercy 13 **Thou** in **thy** mercy hast led forth the people *which thou* hast redeemed: **Thou** hast guided *them* in **thy** strength unto **thy** holy habitation.
- d. The wind from His nostrils that congeals the sea. **v. 8**
- e. Only One comes and redeems His people
 - i. That means He finds us
 - ii. He delivers us
 - iii. He does the work
 - iv. He pays the price to get us out of slavery and death to freedom and life
 - v. Only One leads and directs our paths
- f. It was God that was going to give them what He had promised them 17 **Thou** shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of **thine** inheritance, *In* the place, **O Lord, which thou** hast made for **thee** to dwell in, *In* the Sanctuary, **O Lord, which thy** hands have established.
- g. There would be no end to His power, His kingdom, His reign 18 **The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.**

4. The Enemies' Plans are to Stop Our Praise

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

- a. They determined to chase after and destroy God's people
- b. They planned on getting their stuff back
- c. They planned on getting vengeance
- d. They thought that they in their power could do something
- e. How often do you fall into the trap of thinking of what you can do
- f. The enemy does have real plans to destroy you
 - i. He is a thief come to steal to kill and to destroy
John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
 - ii. He is like roaring lion | Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
 - iii. Our fight is against Satan and his army and not against people Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
 - iv. It is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that things and circumstances are just happening
 - v. It is easy to look out and see who or what to blame
 - vi. You are called to love and serve Jesus. You are not to get discouraged and want to quit.
 - vii. You are to realize that in your life you are fighting to make much of Jesus and His power. Do not let Satan defeat you
- g. How often do you think that the enemy is more powerful than he is.
 - i. You think that he really can catch you
 - ii. Take your stuff away
 - iii. Destroy you

5. Redemption puts God's Glory on Display 19-21 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the **Lord** brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea. And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand) and **all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.** 21 **And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously;** The horse and his rider hath **he** thrown into the sea

- a. We, like Miriam, should encourage others to sing
- b. We should realize why we are singing
- c. We should pay attention to whom we are singing
- d. We should worship and magnify the Lord for what He has done
- e. Even our children should learn from our songs what a great God we serve

6. **From Praise & Worship to Pitiful Whining** 22 **So Moses brought Israel** from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went **three days** in the wilderness, and found no water.

- a. We so easily forget what God has done for us
- b. A little trouble and we are right back in the middle of our whining and complaining
- c. We must guard against being so quick to turn our back on what God has done in our lives 23 **And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?**
- d. Even while we are complaining God has a solution to our problems 25 **And he cried unto the Lord;** and the **Lord** shewed him a tree, *which* when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and **there he proved them,**
 - i. Did you ever think that God is allowing some of these things to happen in your life to see if you will remember Him
 - ii. Did you ever stop to consider that if He did great things before He can and will do them again
 - iii. Did you ever stop to wonder how He was going to solve this problem
 - iv. He is going to turn your bitter water sweet
 - v. Learn from your past that He loves to answer but often waits to see if we will trust
- e. God uses these experiences to let them know that He is going to continue doing great things 26 **And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee. 27 And they came to**

Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

- i. God will do right and we can be sure of that
- ii. We are being tested to see if we will do right and if we will react correctly to what He is doing
- iii. We can trust that God doesn't treat us like He does His enemies
- iv. So be careful when you read Scripture to know who He is talking to
- v. Doing right ensures that God will bless us in our pilgrimage
- f. What decision will you make right now that will help you control your thoughts and not turn from singing to complaining so quickly and so easily

Conclusion

- Do you not remember God's purpose in this story and our story! He will be praised!
- Remember your redemption and cause it to lead you to sing about His good works!
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- Let this passage strengthen your heart in the fact that singing matters.
 - Do you realize that the singing is a time to talk to Him and tell Him how much you love Him and how much you recognize what He is doing in your life
 - It is also a time for your children to learn how much you love Him and to see that you recognize what He has done
 - The singing reminds us of His great power. It helps us remember what He has done
 - Make sure you use the singing as a time to worship Him for what He is doing. Don't just mouth the words. Don't just go through the motions
 - Singing is a very important part of our worship
 - Recognize and worship Him
 - Be careful to sing when things that are discouraging are happening because it is easy to forget what He has done
- Don't forget that He is testing you right now in the hard spot you are in to see if you will look to Him, worship Him, and believe Him