

## Exodus Chapter 15

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- God shows Himself strong, faithful, and victorious.
- God demonstrates that His Word is reliable and that truly the children of Israel have nothing to fear – because He loves them.

The Song of Moses:

V: 1-19 Having seen the salvation of the Lord firsthand, the children of Israel worship God in song.

- This is the first song recorded in scripture (no pun intended...) and it is sung by a group of people who have been redeemed and set free!
- It's also the last song sung in scripture, combined with the song of the Lamb. (Alpha & Omega).

**Revelation 15:3** “And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.”

- They are praising God because they have actually “seen” His salvation. A response to what God has done.
- While this is certainly pleasing to God; it might have been more pleasing to God had they been singing when they heard Pharaoh’s chariots approaching.

**Hebrews 11:1** “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

The Apostle Paul and Silas are good examples of this: worshipping God in the darkest part of the night.

**Acts 16:23-26** “<sup>23</sup>And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: <sup>24</sup>Who, having received such a charge thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. <sup>25</sup>And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoner heard them. <sup>26</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one’s bands were loosed.”

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- Naturally as a song of praise this song identifies and glorifies God’s various attributes as we understand them.
  - This song is broken up into stanza’s:
    1. Verse 1 is a prelude: The triumph of Jehovah.
    2. 1<sup>st</sup> Stanza: verses 2-3: [What He is](#) (strength, song, salvation)

3. 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza: verses 4-13: **What He has done**; victory over their enemies, deliverance of His people from Egypt.
4. 3<sup>rd</sup> stanza: verses 14-18: **What He will do**; victory over future enemies, bringing His people into their future inheritance.

V: 1 The whole congregation, Moses & the people: sing “unto the Lord” 2X’s.

- This song isn’t just about the Lord, it is “**to**” the Lord, their worship is directed to God; giving Him praise for what He has done.

### Stanza #1 (V: 2-3) **What He is: (strength, song, salvation)**

V: 2 The Lord is: my strength, my song, salvation – my rejoicing, my all in all so to speak.

Repetitive topic throughout the Psalms:

**Psalms 18:2** “The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my Strength, in whom I will trust; my Buckler, and the horn of my Salvation, and my High Tower.”

**Psalms 27:1** “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

- **His is become my salvation**: They were in a desperate, life threatening situation and they knew it – and the Lord saved them. **God is their salvation**.
- **Jesus, Yeshua, Joshua – God is salvation**.

**Isaiah 43:3** “For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour...”

**Isaiah 43:11** “I, even I, am the Lord; and beside Me there is no saviour.”

- That positive statement of affirmation: “**He is my God**,” all these things, as we will see shall be challenged.
- All these statements are appropriate, but there is an element of emotion, there is an element that is based on feelings, or even circumstances – this will all be refined through the refiner’s fire, the dross will be stripped away – leaving only “simple faith” behind.
- This is the preparation of a “habitation” – a place in our heart, a permanent place.

**Ezekiel 36:26-27** <sup>36</sup>“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them.”

- How does this heart change take place?

**Jeremiah 23:29** “Is not My word like as a fire? Saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”

**2 Corinthians 3:3-5** <sup>3</sup>“Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. <sup>4</sup>And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: <sup>5</sup>Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;”

- His “habitation” - the place where He is enthroned:

**Psalms 22:3** “But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”

- When we worship the Lord from our hearts, He is truly enthroned therein.

V: 2c “... *and I will exalt Him.*” True worship lifts God up and exalts Him.

**Psalms 118:28** “Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: Thou art my God, and I will exalt Thee.”

**Isaiah 25:1** “O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things.”

[Describing the power of the Lord](#)

V: 3 “*The Lord is a man of war:*” - Jesus is a warrior!

**Psalms 24:8** “Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.”

**1 John 4:8** “... for God is love.”

Contradiction?

- God is love, but there are forces all around that are violent and profane. God does surely wage war against these forces.

**Matthew 11:12** “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

**Revelation 19:11-16** <sup>11</sup>And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doeth judge and make war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. <sup>13</sup>And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen white and clean. <sup>15</sup>And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup>And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

**Joshua 5:14** "... Captain of the Host of the Lord..."

- We're to battle violently, passionately - in the spirit – to pray passionately for our husbands or wives, for our children, for each other.

**James 5:16** "... the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

- Jehovah is His name!
- "LORD" – 18X in this chapter. Jehovah, YHWY – Yahweh.

**Isaiah 42:8** "I am the LORD / YAHWEY: that is My name:..."

Stanza #2 (V: 4-13) What He has done:

V: 4-5 Pharaoh's chariots, his army were no match for Yahweh.

- They sank like a stone – no marsh here.

V: 6 The mighty right hand of God, the hand of power and strength.

**Psalms 118:15** "The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly."

### anthropomorphism

1. ascribing human form or attributes to a thing or a being not human, such as to God
2. resembling a human form: *an anthropomorphic carving*.

V: 7 The greatness of His excellency! Extolling His virtues.

- Those that rose up against thee: Pharaoh wasn't at war with Israel, he was at war with God Himself.
- Consumed like stubble in a great fire; a hot knife through butter; - quickly, easily!

V: 8 A strong wind divided the waters, just a blast from God's nostrils!

- The floods stood up as a heap, the depth of the sea congealed, were made firm in the heart of the sea.
- These are eye witnesses to these events, singing God's praise for what they have seen.

V: 9 The enemy said, I will; I will; 4X's.

**Isaiah 14:12-14** <sup>12</sup>“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! <sup>13</sup>For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.”

**Proverbs 16:18** “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”

- The enemy is vanquished at the bottom of the Red Sea.

V: 10 Just a blast of His nostrils, and the sea was parted.

- Now as the Lord blows the wind, the waters return to cover Pharaoh and his army.
- The sink like lead; an analogy that fits the Red Sea better than a marsh or lake.

V: 11 Continuing doxology / praise about what He is! Describing His pre-eminence.

- Who is like unto thee? Who's glory compares? Who actually does wonders besides you? Answer to both – no one.

**Psalm 115:4-8** <sup>4</sup>“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. <sup>5</sup>They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: <sup>6</sup>They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: <sup>7</sup>They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. <sup>8</sup>They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.”

- Pharaoh trusted in a bunch of dead gods, and where did he end up? Dead.

V: 12 God stretches out His hand, God is the One who acts – and the enemy is swallowed into the earth.

- Similar to “blast of His nostrils” this is another “anthropomorphism”

V: 13 The acknowledgment that they were redeemed by His mercy, that God is the one leading them.

**Psalm 106:7-8**

- They didn't get what they deserved – He was merciful!
- They were guided by His strength unto their destination – His holy habitation – Mt. Sinai.
- Comparison: Vv: 4-13 action words, who did what:

**The Lord:** <sup>4</sup>cast into the sea, <sup>6</sup>dashed into pieces, <sup>7</sup>overthrown, <sup>8</sup>blasted with His nostrils, <sup>10</sup>blew with His wind, <sup>12</sup>stretched out his right hand, <sup>13</sup>He led Israel, He redeemed, He guided.

**The Egyptians:** <sup>4</sup>drowned, <sup>5</sup>sank like a stone, <sup>6</sup>dashed to pieces, <sup>7</sup>overthrown, consumed as stubble, <sup>10</sup>covered by the sea, sank as lead, <sup>12</sup>swallowed up.

Stanza #3 (V: 14-18) What He will do:

V: 14-16 His fame shall spread abroad – all peoples will know the testimony of His power and might, the great victory over the Egyptians.

- As His fame and glory are heard of abroad the future enemies; those in Palestina, Edom, Moab, and Canaan shall fear God's people because of their God – Jehovah.

Rahab the harlot:

**Joshua 2:9-10** “<sup>9</sup>And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. <sup>10</sup>For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt...”

V: 17 God will give them their inheritance, God will give them the land that He promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Contrast:

V: 18-19 The Lord shall reign forever, Pharaoh's reign ended at the bottom of the Red Sea.

- This song is sung again in the end times:
- Extolling the virtues of God, the great things that He has done: His deliverance from Egypt is still remembered.

**Proverbs 21:31** “The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.”

**Psalm 20:7** “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: bet we will remember the name of the Lord our God.”

V: 20-21 Miriam, Moses' sister is referred to as a prophetess (1<sup>st</sup>)

- Notice who she is leading – the other women, not the men.

**1 Timothy 2:12** “But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man,…”

Paul justifies this statement:

**1 timothy 2:14** “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.”

- This isn't a value statement, it's about organization and what God deems proper.
- The women grab their tambourines and dance before the Lord.
- This wasn't MTV – or “Dancing with the Stars” – Miriam was right around 90 years old.
- “all the women” – 600,000 men – 100,000's of women... huge.

V: 22-27 The beginning of their journey from the Red Sea to Mount Sinai.

V: 22 Moses brought the people “from” the Red Sea “into” the wilderness.

- Moses has been a shepherd in this area, he is familiar with it, having been a shepherd in this area for 40 years before God commissioned him and sent him back to Egypt.
- 3 days into the desert they found no water, probably beginning to run out or might have already run out of water.

V: 23 When they came to Mara (bitterness) they found water, but it wasn't drinkable – it was too bitter to drink.

- The people were probably excited about the reports that filtered back through the children of Israel – water ahead. What a relief, everything's going to be ok.
- Then the realization that it was un-drinkable, the bitter water brought bitterness of soul.
- God brought them to that place, just like He allows us to enter into that relationship, that occupation, that situation – only to find it not to be as cool or refreshing as we first thought.

V: 24 The people murmured / grumbled / complained against Moses – God is the one leading them through a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night – they should have gotten mad at God.

- From singing God's praise to murmuring about water.

**Numbers 11:1** “And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord:”

The Lord is never please when we complain.

V: 25 Moses cries out to the Lord on behalf of all the people. God responds.

**Psalm 34:15** “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.”

- God directs Moses to a tree, which when cast into the bitter waters, made them sweet & drinkable.
- Notice that God didn't create the tree on the spot to meet the need so to speak, but that it was already there.

**John 1:1-2** “<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God.”

**Acts 2:23** “Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.”

- Moses cries out to God; God points them to the tree, reminding us of the cross.

**1 Peter 2:24** “Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

- Symbolic of how our lives are bitter and hard to swallow until we embrace the cross of Jesus, then how life is bearable, even sweet because of His presence in our lives.

V: 25b At that place God made a statue for the people, and ordinance – there He proved / tested them.

- This is the first time “statute” is mentioned in the Bible; ordinance was first used in relation to the Passover in Exodus ch. 12 – for an inkling of what was to come through the Law.
- The test, or the proving of our faith:



- People, and situations do not make us bitter; they simply reveal what is already in us... when God tests or “proves” us – it is simply being revealed to us; God already knew.
- What will we do when the trials come, when difficulties arise – will we trust in God?

**1 Corinthians 10:13** “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

V: 26 “If” – conditional promise:

3 Things that God is looking for:

1. Diligently / carefully listen to the voice of the LORD thy God.

**Isaiah 30:21** “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

2. Do what is right in His sight.

**Micah 6:8** “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.”

3. Give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes.

**James 1:22** “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

*“then”* – I will put none of these diseases upon you, which I put upon the Egyptians.

- Drowning in the Red Sea, water to blood, frogs, lice, dead cattle, boils, hail fire, locusts, darkness, death of firstborn.
- This sounds like they have an obvious choice, but a choice none the less; one good and one bad.

**Deuteronomy 30:19** “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:”

*“For I am the LORD that healeth thee.”* – Jehovah-Rapha – the Lord your healing.

- He is implying that everyone, including the children of Israel already has all the diseases – the disease of death:

**Hebrews 9:27** “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

**Romans 3:10, 23** “<sup>10</sup>As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one:” –  
“<sup>23</sup>For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

- God is saying that He will be their healing, their salvation.

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

**Psalms 103:2-3** “<sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:  
<sup>3</sup>who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;”

V: 27 And they came to a place of rest, Elim (trees). 12 springs of water (for 12 tribes) and 70 palm trees – and oasis in the desert.

- The palm tree is the only tree in the whole world that bears more fruit as it gets older.
- As we mature in Christ, I pray that this would be true of all of us.
- This is their 5<sup>th</sup> stop:

1. Exodus 12:37 Succoth (booths, temporary shelter)
2. Exodus 13:20 Etham, “fort” – the Lord encamped about them as a Pillar of Cloud & Fire.
3. Exodus 14:2 Pi-ha-hiroth, between Migdol and the Red Sea. Baalzephon – the Lord watches over.
4. Exodus 15:23 Mara, bitter springs.
5. Exodus 15:27 Elim, trees – an oasis, a place of refreshment.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** “<sup>8</sup>For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: <sup>9</sup>Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

- Encamped by the waters:

**Psalms 1:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.  
<sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

- Even to your old age, blessing, and rest.

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Summary: Issues of faith, dealing with crisis & trials.

**Philippians 4:6-8** “<sup>6</sup>Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.  
<sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”