

**"The Song of Moses"**

**Part 2**

**Exodus 15:1-21**

**Introduction:** Last week we stepped away from our study of Ephesians to look at a study of Exodus 15:1-21. Here in this text we find a Song of Worship after the crossing of the Red Sea and the drowning of the Egyptians. The crossing of the Red Sea is the greatest miracle found in the Old Testament. It would be the most significant event in the history of Israel.

The crossing of the Red Sea would become the greatest redemptive act in the lives of the children of Israel. **The crossing of the Red Sea would be to them what the cross is to us.**

1. The crossing of the Red Sea would be the fountainhead of all their praise.
2. The crossing of the Red Sea would manifest Israel's true helplessness.
3. The crossing of the Red Sea would manifest the mighty power of God.

These same three points are also true of the cross for us.

1. The cross is the fountainhead of our praise.
2. The cross manifests our true helplessness.
3. The cross manifests the might power of God.

Last week we looked at why this song is so important. This song will ring throughout all eternity as it is sung in heaven.

**Revelation 15:1-3**

*And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.*

<sup>2</sup> *And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.*

<sup>3</sup> ***And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.***

Now in this song we see Israel's worship of God and we see three reasons why they worship God.

**I. He is Worshipped for His Person  
Exodus 15:1-6**

In other words, Israel worshipped God because of who He is. Their worship was not based upon feelings. They had just watched the Egyptians die.

**Notice Exodus 15:1**

Let us notice the details of their worship.

**Notice Exodus 15:2**

- a. He was their Strength.
- b. He was their Savior.
- c. He was their Covenant God.

**Genesis 15:13-14**

*<sup>13</sup> And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;*

*<sup>14</sup> And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.*

Israel knew that they were living out this prophecy. God had made a Covenant with Abram and He was proving to be true to His Word and this brought about their worship.

**Notice Exodus 15:3**

They worshipped God because He is a man of war. He is a Warrior who is at war with sin. When our Lord came, He was at war with sin. He is still a man of war today. He is not like many perceive Him as a gentle Savior who carries sheep on His shoulders. He is a man of war.

**Revelation 19:11**

*<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 doth judge and make war.*

**Notice Exodus 15:4-6**

As a man of war, He destroyed the Egyptian military.

**II. He is Worshipped for His Power  
Exodus 15:7-11**

**Notice Exodus 15:7**

I want to draw your attention to the word "**STUBBLE**". God consumed the Egyptians as "**STUBBLE**".

**Exodus 5:10-12**

*<sup>10</sup> And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.*

*<sup>11</sup> Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished.*

*<sup>12</sup> So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.*

Pharaoh made Israel gather **STUBBLE** and now Pharaoh and his powerful military are consumed as **STUBBLE**. This reminds us of Paul's words to the Galatians.

**Galatians 6:7-8**

*<sup>7</sup> Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

*<sup>8</sup> For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

Now let us get back to the POWER OF GOD.

**Notice Exodus 15:7-8**

Let us not miss an important point in verse 7. Pharaoh and his military attacked Israel but, in this verse, we see the attack was actually against God.

With only the blast from His nostrils God caused the Red Sea to part.

**Notice Exodus 15:9**

Here we see the intent of Pharaoh. He and his military were set upon the utter destruction of Israel.

**Notice Exodus 15:10**

God then brought the wind and they were covered in the Sea and they sunk as lead.

**Notice Exodus 15:11**

Here are questions that expect a negative answer. There is no false god that can stand in the presence of the True God. His holiness is glorious. It is His holiness that will not permit sin and it is His holiness that declares all sin must be judged.

**Application:**

Now let me tell you what all of this means to us. Pharaoh and his military were the greatest threat to Israel. It was their greatest enemy. They had no means of defense at all. They were overpowered as they stood at the edge of the Red Sea. They did not stand a chance, humanly speaking. But Pharaoh and his military were no match for God.

Let me ask you a few questions.

What is it that you are facing today that strikes fear in you?

What is it today that renders you defenseless?

Now let me remind you that whatever we face our God is greater. The greatest enemy of man is death, but our God has conquered death.

**Hebrews 2:9-15**

<sup>9</sup> *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

<sup>10</sup> *For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

<sup>11</sup> *For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

<sup>12</sup> *Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.*

<sup>13</sup> *And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.*

<sup>14</sup> *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;***

<sup>15</sup> *And **deliver them** who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

**1 Corinthians 15:55-57**

<sup>55</sup> *O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

<sup>56</sup> *The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.*

<sup>57</sup> *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

We no longer need to fear death because death has been conquered. Now if God can conquer death what can we possibly face that He cannot overcome? Why should we ever live in fear? Our God can part the Sea with His breath and He can destroy an entire military with the wind.

Sometimes believers fear people but let me tell you there is not one person we need to fear. I want to show you something that happened in David's life that will give you encouragement. David was running for his life from Saul who had an evil spirit. In 1 Samuel 21 David in his flight came to Nob and Ahimelech was the priest. He gave David bread and the sword of Goliath. David then fled to the cave of Adullam.

Now let us notice a conversation between Saul and his men.

#### **1 Samuel 22:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> *Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;*

<sup>8</sup> *That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?*

<sup>9</sup> *Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.*

<sup>10</sup> *And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.*

Ahimelech had helped David and Doeg was there and he witnessed the entire thing. Here in this text he then betrays David and Ahimelech. Saul calls all the priests and orders them to be killed. That day Doeg killed 85 priests. David later wrote about this in a Psalm.

#### **Psalm 52:1-9**

*Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.*

<sup>2</sup> *The tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.*

<sup>3</sup> *Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.*

<sup>4</sup> *Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.*

<sup>5</sup> **God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living.** Selah.

<sup>6</sup> *The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:*

<sup>7</sup> *Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; **but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.***

<sup>8</sup> *But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.*

<sup>9</sup> *I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.*

David basically says, "Let those people for God to take care of. One day He shall destroy them and take them out of the land of the living."

### **Romans 12:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> *If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*

<sup>19</sup> *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, **Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.***

### **III. He is Worshipped for His Protection Exodus 15:12-16**

#### **Notice Exodus 15:12-16**

This third verse of the song of Moses looks ahead to the future. This miracle at the Red Sea was so great that it would be known in the land of Canaan and it would send fear through the inhabitants of the land. It did this very thing and we see this in the words of Rahab as she spoke with the 2 spies.

#### **Joshua 2:9-11**

<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; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

<sup>11</sup> And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

When we read this, we can see that God was going before Israel and preparing the way for them.

**Application:**

The same is also true for our lives. God goes before us to prepare the way.

**Mark 14:13-16**

<sup>13</sup> And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.

<sup>14</sup> And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

<sup>15</sup> And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.

<sup>16</sup> And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

**Conclusion:**

We serve a God that is greater than any problem we face. He is more powerful than any enemy we face.

We serve a God that knows what tomorrow holds and He goes before us to prepare the way. We do not need to fear. When there is an open door let us walk through it by faith knowing that God has already been down the path we are walking.