

"The Song of Moses"**Part 1****Exodus 15:1-21**

Introduction: For a couple of weeks we are going to step away from our study of Ephesians for a few messages which is the continuation of our evening study. On Sunday evenings we have been looking at the Life of Moses and we have followed him from his birth the entire way through the ten plagues. Then we walked with Moses and Israel as they left Egypt and started their journey towards the land of Canaan which was the PROMISED LAND. When they departed out of Egypt, they made a turn that would have caused confusion within the ranks of the people. Instead of turning and going down the east side of the Red Sea they turned and went down the west side of the Sea which placed them on a journey toward Africa. They were now on the wrong side of the Red Sea.

Exodus 14:2

² Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

They most likely complained about Moses leadership for they knew the path they were on was taking them in the wrong direction. The complaining became much worse when they noticed a cloud of dust behind them as Pharaoh and his military pursued. As Israel turned to run there was no place to go for, they had the mountains on the west side, the Egyptians behind and the Red Sea in front. They were trapped and they were on the edge!

It was here that God had led them in order to show them His power as He would divide the Sea and allow Israel to walk through on dry ground. There were three commands given to Israel as they stood on the edge.

Exodus 14:13-14

*¹³ And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD**, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.*

¹⁴ The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

God did fight for them as He opened the Sea and they crossed. Then the Egyptians charged headlong between the two walls of water and when they were in the midst God unleashed His wrath.

Exodus 14:24-28

24 And it came to pass, that 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,

25 And 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.

26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

Psalm 77:15-20

15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Following the destruction of the Egyptians we then find a Song by Moses and the people of Israel in Exodus 15. The Song is a Song of worship.

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.

Now, let me tell you why I have chosen to share this Song today. This Song in Exodus 15 is so very important. This song will be 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

There are three stanzas to this hymn, and we will use the stanzas for our points. We shall see in this Song that God is worshipped by Israel for three reasons.

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

By this I mean that Israel worshipped Him because of who God is.

Notice Exodus 15:1-2

The word "THEN" is important to notice here. This worship of Israel happened as there were still pieces of the chariots of Egypt floating in the water. This Song of worship has come about because of what God has done for Israel. Their worship was a response to what God had just done for them. They offer their worship because He is the covenant God as we see in verse 2.

Application:

Herein is a great lesson for us. True worship is not based upon feelings, but it comes from the heart of the redeemed because of what God has done and because of who He is. Israel

is not offering their worship because they "feel" good. They are worshipping God because He is God and He has saved them from destruction.

Too many times believers base their worship upon feelings. If they do not have a "good" feeling, then they refrain from worship.

God deserves our worship regardless of how we feel. So, let me ask you a few questions:

- How is your worship when bad news arrives?
- How is your worship when a friend or loved one dies?
- How is your worship when you, your spouse and your children argue the entire way to church?
- How is your worship when the doctor gives you a report that you were not expecting?

Many would say in these times they do not "FEEL" like worshipping. But is God not worthy of our worship in the bad times as well as the good times?

Let us also understand that we do not offer our worship to invite God's presence to where we are, but we worship God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Notice Exodus 15:3

I could spend the entire message upon this statement. Our Lord is a man of war. Too many people believe the God of the Old Testament is different than the God of the New Testament. But He is the same.

Hebrews 13:8

⁸ *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

Any people see Jesus as being soft spoken, gentle and walking around carrying little lambs on His shoulders. But I am here to tell you our Lord is a Warrior. When He came to earth, He came to launch war upon the demonic world. He cast our demons many times. He stood against sin.

Revelation 19:11-15

¹¹ *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.*

¹² *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.*

¹³ *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

¹⁴ *And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

¹⁵ *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.*

Revelation 19:19-21

¹⁹ *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*

²⁰ *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

²¹ *And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

God would not be a God to follow if He did not war against sin.

Now let me explain what this means for us. We too are warriors and soldiers for we are His followers.

2 Timothy 2:1-4

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

² *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

³ *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

⁴ *No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*

We are also to war against sin. We are to stand for the Truth, and we are not to back down. We are in a time today when there are warriors needed.

Revelation 12:9

⁹ Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

We are to be known for our love, but we are also to be known for our hatred of sin. Let us notice what David said in Psalm 103.

Psalm 101:1-8

I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

² *I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.*

³ **I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside**; it shall not cleave to me.

⁴ *A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.*

⁵ *Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off*: him that hath an high look and a proud heart **will not I suffer**.

⁶ *Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.*

⁷ **He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.**

⁸ *I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.*

As warriors we are to be engaged in the fight. That means we stand up for the Truth and we call sin exactly what it is. I heard a man speaking about the church this past week and he said something that was really good. He likened the church to a ship. He said the church is not a cruise ship where people are entertained, but the church is a battleship that carries soldiers. When the battle is raging the ship does not dock but it sails into the heat of the battle.

Now we live in a day when many show hatred anyone who stands for the Truth. They see a stand for the Truth as being more offensive than the sin we stand against because we are not "being nice". What happens if we are not strong is that you will be made to feel like the bad person. In our society everything is being flip flopped. What is right is no wrong and what was wrong is now right.

Judges 21:25

²⁵*In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*

When we stand against this we can expect to be treated as Jesus was when He spoke the Truth. As soldiers we must stand in the power of God's might.

Conclusion:

Joshua 1:5-9

⁵ *There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*

⁶ *Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.*

⁷ *Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.*

⁸ *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

⁹ *Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*

Our Lord is a man of war and we are His soldiers. Let us stand against the evil and the wickedness of today without fear.