

I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

Exodus 15

Text: Verses 1,13, and 16

Intro: Do you love a good song? I do! In chapter fifteen, we find the first song recorded in the Bible, and what a praise song it is. The children of Israel are now on the other side, out of Egypt. That is where we all desire to be. We do not want to hang our harps on the willows and weep (Psalm 137:2). Anyone with half sense wants to cross their Red Sea victoriously and sing.

Had there been much rejoicing up to this point? Almost zero; nada; not quite a speck; might near none! Up to this point, there has been moaning and groaning. Some folks like that way of living; I don't.

Their praise song was very appropriate for true praise and worship will always follow the revealing of what Jehovah God has done for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Ephesians 5:18-19 instructs the believer: "be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

CHM says that: "It was when they emerged from their significant baptism 'in the cloud and in the sea' that six hundred thousand voices were heard chanting the song of victory...They stood on the shore as a fully delivered people...We too must know ourselves as saved, in the power of death and resurrection, before we can ever present clear and intelligent worship." (192)

It is through death and resurrection that we are one with Christ. "It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again..." (Romans 8:34). When we believe the Gospel message, we are brought from death unto life (John 5:24 "He that heareth my word, believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.") The Israelites believed in the shed blood, and they passed through the Red Sea and unto newness of life.

Did they have something to shout about? Yes! Do we? Yes; Amen, YES!

I. Vss. 1-3, OUR SONG SAYS THAT IT IS ALL ABOUT GOD

A. Vs. 1, Tells us that our God is: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1).

1. This song is personal: "He hath triumphed gloriously..."
2. It is a song that is felt and song from hearts that believe in

Jehovah.

3. The song is about a personal God, not a statue or a stone. It is about a God who cares. It is about our God who is up close and personal, not far away and disinterested in our needs.

a. This song is about a Sovereign who is active and in control.

b. This Sovereign is Almighty God who personally fights for His chosen people: "The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea." Our God is able to cast off the rider that is pursuing you. Whether it be lust, covetousness, or lack of self-control, God can cast off your enemy.

B. Vs. 2, Where do we get our song? from spiritually? The Word says: "The Lord is my strength and my song."

"There's within my heart a melody, Jesus
whispers sweet and low:

Fear not, I am with thee, peace be still, In all
of life's ebb and flow.

Chorus: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,-Sweetest name I
know, Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

1. He is our strength. Far too many folks are trying to go through life in their own strength and power. Trust in God, and He will give you strength for the journey.

a. Psalm 28:7 says that having His strength is something to sing about: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him."

b. Christ is the strength of the believer. He is the author and the giver of this strength. He gives us:

- Strength for our lives. "For in him we live and move, and have our being..." (Acts 17:28)
- Strength for our hearts. "Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God..." (John 14:1)
- Strength to bear our afflictions.
- Strength to resist temptations. (1 Cor. 10:13)
- Strength to overcome every enemy. (1 John 4:4)

2. "My salvation"-- He is here the savior of Israel in the temporal sense in that He saved them from their enemy the

Egyptians.

a. For the believer, Christ is not only the Savior, but salvation itself. He is the author of it, yes. But He is salvation itself.

b. He is the Lamb of God, the sacrifice; and He is the High Priest who offers the blood upon the mercy seat (Heb. 9:12).

C. Vs. 3, Many today want to see God as a docile weakling who will not assert Himself. Here the song of God people says: "The Lord is a man of war..." In Revelation 19, we see the Lord Jesus as He comes back at the end of the Tribulation period riding on a white horse to make war against the enemies of God.

1. God wages war against Satan, sin and evil. Isaiah 42:13, a prophecy concerning the Lord Jesus, speaks of Him as He battles against evil.

2. God does not do for us what we can do ourselves. He does not want us to be lazy and weak. We are in a battle daily against evil, and we are to put on the whole armor of God that He has given to us (Ephesians 6:13-18).

II. Vss. 4-12, OUR SONG SAYS THAT THE ENEMY IS DEFEATED

A. The boast of the enemy was that he would pursue and overtake the Israelites. The enemy came after God's people with all he had (14:7-9).

1. Our enemy, Satan, is full of boasts and threats. He is like a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8).

2. Satan wants to overtake you, to discourage you, to defeat you, and to sidetrack you.

B. The song of Moses is one of victory not defeat. It is one power and not weakness.

C. As we read these verses, we see the wrath of God poured out on Pharaoh and his army. This was needed for the deliverance of Israel. We are reminded here of what it took for us to be redeemed from the penalty of sin that had overtaken us.

1. Christ had to become sin for us, (2 Cor. 5:21); He had to suffer the wrath of God for our forgiveness.

2. I should have sunk like lead (vs. 10), down into hell, but Jesus brought me out. Instead of my being in the depth of hell, it is my sins that are buried in the deepest sea.

D. Christ suffered our sin debt; they buried Him, but the grave could not hold Him; and He arose as the victor. He triumphed over death,

hell, and the grave. He led captivity captive (Eph. 4:8).

1. He defeated the enemy, and “he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them” (Col. 2:15). The Greek word for triumph means to celebrate a triumph. The root word means: “a hymn sung in festal processions.”

2. Our song is a song of victory over the enemy.

III. Vss. 13-16, OUR SONG SAYS THAT GOD IS FOR HIS PEOPLE

A. Vs. 13, God has a redeemed people, and He is for them. It is because of His mercy that we are led forth. He guides us unto the holy habitation.

B. Vss. 14-16, The people of the nations will hear about what God has done, and they will be afraid. Anguish would take hold on the people of Palestine. In Joshua two, we read where Rahab spoke of the fear that came upon the inhabitants.

1. How sad it is that Israel would end up wandering in the wilderness for forty years because of their fear of an enemy that was without courage.

2. They sang the words of the song of Moses, but they did not really believe it when confronted by the report of the giants in Canaan.

a. How many Christians do this very thing?

b. I wonder how many born again, blood bought Christians fail to enter the promised land because they fear that which has already been defeated?

c. Friend, sing the song; believe the words; and live the life!

Conclusion: The child of God will make it to heaven (Vs. 17-18). It is really up to you as to how much you enjoy the journey.

Dr. Cecil A Fayard, Jr.

Aug 28, 2011