



## A Song of Salvation and then a test

Exodus 15:1 – 27

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## A Song of Yahweh's Saving Act

- **Exodus 15:1**

Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and said, "I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted; The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea."

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## Yahweh's Relationship to His People

- **Exodus 15:2, 3**

"The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will extol Him. The LORD is a warrior; The LORD is His name."

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Pharaoh's army met the worst type of demise

■ **Exodus 15:4, 5**

"Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; And the choicest of his officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deeps cover them; They went down into the depths like a stone."

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God who is "high" puts down those who "rise up"

■ **Exodus 15:6, 7**

"Your right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. And in the greatness of Your excellence You overthrow those who rise up against You; You send forth Your burning anger, and it consumes them as chaff."

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God's mighty act

■ **Exodus 15:8**

"At the blast of Your nostrils the waters were piled up, The flowing waters stood up like a heap; The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea."

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 God casts down self-willed Egyptians

■ **Exodus 15:9, 10**

“The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be gratified against them; I will draw out my sword, my hand will destroy them.’ You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters.”

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 Yahweh’s uniqueness extolled

■ **Exodus 15:11**

“Who is like You among the gods, O LORD? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?”

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 Israel is assured that the promises to the patriarchs would be fulfilled

■ **Exodus 15:12, 13**

“You stretched out Your right hand, The earth swallowed them. In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; In Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation.”

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 The story of what happened to Egypt will strike fear into Israel's future enemies

■ **Exodus 15:14, 15**

“The peoples have heard, they tremble; Anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia. Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; The leaders of Moab, trembling grips them; All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.”

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 Rahab heard about God's mighty deeds

■ **Joshua 2:11, 12**

“For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. When we heard it, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.”

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 They confess God's future promises

■ **Exodus 15:16 - 18**

“Terror and dread fall upon them; By the greatness of Your arm they are motionless as stone; Until Your people pass over, O LORD, Until the people pass over whom You have purchased. You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, The place, O LORD, which You have made for Your dwelling, The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established. The LORD shall reign forever and ever.”

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 A summary of God's saving act

- **Exodus 15:19**

For the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them, but the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea.

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 Miriam and the women sing and dance

- **Exodus 15:20, 21**

Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took the timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dancing. Miriam answered them, "Sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted; The horse and his rider He has hurled into the sea."

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 An immediate problem arises

- **Exodus 15:22, 23**

Then Moses led 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. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah.

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One problem takes them from praise and thanksgiving to grumbling

■ **Exodus 15:24**

So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

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"Wood" makes the bitter water sweet

■ **Exodus 15:25a**

Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet.

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If they keep covenant they will be spared

■ **Exodus 15:25b, 26**

There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them. And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer."

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From no water to bitter water  
to abundant water

■ **Exodus 15:27**

Then they came to Elim where there were twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.

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Applications and Implications

- 1) If God has saved us, we always have a reason to sing His praises
- 2) Remember God's past provisions so you trust Him in present problems

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- 1) If God has saved us, we always have a reason to sing His praises

■ **Colossians 3:16**

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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1) If God has saved us, we always have a reason to sing His praises

■ **Psalm 32:7**

You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

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1) If God has saved us, we always have a reason to sing His praises

■ **Psalm 40:2**

He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear And will trust in the Lord.

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2) Remember God's past provisions so you trust Him in present problems

■ **Hebrews 10:32, 33**

But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings, partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.

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2) Remember God's past provisions so you trust Him in present problems

■ **Hebrews 10:34, 35**

For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one. Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

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Mary's Song (Luke 1:46 – 55) Echoes Moses (Exodus 15:1-19)

Declaration of Praise (Moses Exodus 15:1)  
And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord,

Celebration of Salvation (Moses Exodus 15:2)  
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Reason for Praise: God's Mighty Acts (Moses Exodus 15:4, 5)  
For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondslave; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.  
For the Mighty One has done great things for me;

Extolling God's Unique Holiness (Moses Exodus 15:11)  
And holy is His name.

Extolling God's Lovingkindness (Moses Exodus 15:13)  
And His mercy is upon generation after generation Toward those who fear Him.

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How God Brings Down the Proud (Moses Exodus 15:9, 10)  
He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart.

How God Brings about Reversal (Moses Exodus 15:19)  
He has brought down rulers from their thrones, And has exalted those who were humble.  
He has filled the hungry with good things; And sent away the rich empty-handed.

How God Keeps His Promises (Moses Exodus 15:13)  
He has given help to Israel His servant, In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his offspring forever."

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