

Sing a New Song

Exodus 15:1-18

Put yourselves in the story this morning. You and all your family, your friends and everyone you know have been slaves in Egypt of centuries.

Then this guy Moses shows up to tell you that the God of your ancestors is about to free you and take you to a land that God had promised to your patriarch Abraham.

But then the Pharaoh refuses to let you go so your God brings great and terrible plagues on the land until Pharaoh relents and allows you to go.

You and everyone you know have come to the Red Sea and Pharaoh's armies have come to take you all back to Egypt or to kill you.

Everyone is very upset and afraid, complaining to Moses.

But then Moses lifts up his rod and you can see the multitude going toward the sea. Are you all going to be overwhelmed in the sea but then as you yourself reach the shore you see that the sea has opened and millions of your people are walking on dry ground in the midst of the sea as the waters stand at attention on either side.

You continue to walk down into the sea and finally you are now walking up and out the other side of the sea. Finally as you reach the other side you hear the noise of chariots getting closer and you hear people screaming that the Egyptian army is following and will soon cross the sea also.

But then you feel a strong breeze and you hear the thunder of water falling, like the thunder of a hundred waterfalls. And then you can see that the sea has returned to its normal place.

Pharaoh and his army is gone. You and your family is finally safe.

Now everyone begins to chant a song. There has not been much music in Egypt but you are no longer in Egypt. You and your family is free, free to serve your God who has brought you here.

What a marvelous and joyous scene. A scene of joy and rejoicing. And time for a new song.

A time for singing and dancing.

Here we find the first song of the Bible. Composed by Moses and taught to the children of Israel.

Can you imagine the sound of hundreds of thousands of voices singing praise to the LORD?

Let us look at what the song that the sang, chanted that wonderful day.

- I. 1 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying:
"I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!
 - A. Notice first that this is a song to the LORD, about the LORD.
 1. That is worship.

2. Much of worship today is about us.
3. Man is glorified.
4. We are into self-help messages.
5. Or God wants you rich messages.
6. Not to say that those do not have a place, but not in worship.
7. Notice how in this song God is continually, repeatedly praised.

B. I will sing

1. Worship is spontaneous.
2. After God has delivered them they cannot help but praise Him.

C. The summation.

1. Here is the theme of the song.
2. He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!
3. It is proper and natural to praise the Lord for what He has done.
4. And if you do not know anything that the Lord has done for you than you cannot truly worship Him.

II. 2 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him.

A. God has done something for us inwardly.

1. He has given us an inner strength that is not our own.
2. He has put a song in our heart.
3. Even if you cannot sing a note, if you belong to the Lord, He has put a song in your heart.
4. That song is His song, a new song.
 - a. Ps 33:3 Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
 - b. Ps 40:3 He has put a new song in my mouth — Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.
 - c. Ps 96:1 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
 - d. Ps 98:1 « A Psalm. » Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

- e. Ps 144:9 I will sing a new song to You, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,
- f. Ps 149:1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints.
- g. Isa 42:10 Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise from the ends of the earth, You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, You coastlands and you inhabitants of them!
- h. Re 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
- i. Re 14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

- B. He has become our salvation.
 - 1. He is a savior in a multitude of ways.
 - 2. We are not our own Savior.

- C. He is my God, and I will praise Him;
- D. My father's God, and I will exalt Him

III. 3 The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name.

- A. Some of the critics don't like this.
 - 1. As matter of fact some criticize the children of Israel for rejoicing at the destruction of the Egyptians.
 - 2. But God is holy.
 - 3. He cannot help but bring destruction to those who oppose Him.
 - 4. For they are wicked.
 - 5. God gives them justice for they wanted the Hebrew children thrown into the water so now the water has overcome the.
- B. And the text even restates the name of the LORD here to identify Him and Him alone as the one who has done this.
- C. 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. 5 The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone.

IV. 6 "Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces. 7 And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like stubble. 8 And with the blast of Your nostrils The waters were gathered together; The floods stood upright like a heap; The depths congealed in the heart of the sea.

- A. Notice that Pharaoh and his people are not fighting against the Hebrews but against God.
1. Similar when the Lord confronted Paul for persecuting the churches that Jesus accused Paul of persecuting Jesus not the believers.
 2. There is a relationship of endearment between the LORD and His people.
 - a. Zec 2:8 For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

- B. Notice also that the LORD executes His wrath.
1. I was listening to Ray Comfort this week and he was saying that most Americans are idolaters because they do not worship the God of the Bible but a god they have fashioned in their own minds.
 2. Today talk about the wrath of God has almost disappeared from the pulpits of our nation.
 3. We want to bring a positive message, and a I do. I am positive that the LORD is going to deal with many in His wrath.

V. 9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, My hand shall destroy them.' 10 You blew with Your wind, The sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

- A. Notice the wickedness of the enemy.
1. Satan comes to destroy and so does his people.
 2. Satan is a liar as well are his people.
- B. And it seems that there is no way that he can be stopped.
- C. My advice.
1. Don't bet on the wrong horse.
 2. 10 You blew with Your wind,
 3. The sea covered them;
 4. They sank like lead in the mighty waters

VI. 11 "Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness,

Fearful in praises, doing wonders?

- A. God is incomparable.
 - 1. There is no one that comes close.
 - 2. He alone is glorious in holiness.
 - 3. That should frighten people.
 - 4. Because He is not only holy but glorious in holiness.
 - 5. And we are not.
 - 6. But for those who know God as their salvation, they have Jesus Christ to stand for them before the holy God.

- B. I turned down a free book this week.
 - 1. When I researched the author I found out that he didn't believe in the virgin birth.
 - 2. Many so called scholars do not believe in the miracles of the Bible.
 - 3. But I say that they do not believe in the God of the Bible.
 - 4. Notice it says here, "doing wonders."
 - 5. If their god doesn't do wonders then he is fake and I don't need to fill my library with those type of books.

- VII. 12 You stretched out Your right hand; The earth swallowed them. 13 You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy habitation.
 - A. Although the LORD moves in wrath against the Egyptians He moves in mercy to His own.
 - B. He has redeemed them, bought them out of slavery.
 - C. He guides them and will guide them.
 - 1. The end is sure.
 - 2. For even though they have only begun the journey, the destination is sure.
 - 3. So it is with all that God does.
 - 4. If you are working your way to heaven, you will never make it.
 - 5. But if God is leading you to heaven then you are as good as there already.
 - 6. Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called;

whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

7. Notice that if God's mind we are already glorified.
8. Not that we are now but it is so sure that God can speak of it as a present possession.

VIII. 14 "The people will hear and be afraid; Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. 15 Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of Moab, Trembling will take hold of them; All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. 16 Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness of Your arm They will be as still as a stone, Till Your people pass over, O LORD, Till the people pass over Whom You have purchased. 17 You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance, In the place, O LORD, which You have made For Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.

- A. This one great event will be the rallying cry for the children of Israel for generations.
- B. But it will also be the wail of their enemies for generations.

IX. 18 "The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

- A. What a glorious end to the song.
- B. You see I kind of like this forever thing.
- C. As I get older I feel like Job.
 1. Job 7:6 "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, And are spent without hope.
 2. But for those who truly worship the LORD, we have only just begun.