

The Book of Exodus

The Song of Moses

Text: Exodus 15:1-21

- I. The Victory of Jehovah (Exodus 15:1-12)
- A. Moses and all of Israel sang this song unto the Lord.
 - B. It was a song of God's triumph over the nation of Egypt – defeating the wicked and preserving the faithful.
 - 1. Notice the pronouns used throughout the song.
 - 2. Israel could take no credit for themselves.
 - 3. God had won this battle by His strength alone.
 - C. Though it was a national victory, it was also a personal one (vs. 2).
 - 1. Jehovah is my strength, song, salvation, and God.
 - 2. The phrase “I will prepare Him a habitation” is one word in the Hebrew.
 - 3. It means, “To beautify, adorn; or, to dwell, abide, keep at home; thus, to rest.”
 - 4. The idea is the Moses would praise God as he dwelt and rested in Him.
 - D. The Lord as a man of war reminds us of the victory of Jesus (Psa. 24:7-10; Rev. 19:11).
 - E. In spite of the enemy's plans and schemes, God outsmarted them and won the victory.
 - F. Thus, there is no one that compares with God in wisdom or strength.
 - G. Those who have been delivered by the Lord ought to sing praises to Him!
 - 1. This is especially true in the Christian Age (cf. 1 Cor. 10:1-2; 1 Pet. 3:21).
 - 2. Jesus has won for us victory over the greatest enemy of all – Satan!
 - 3. We should cherish the privilege of singing redemption's song (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Acts 16:25; Heb. 2:12).
 - H. In Heaven, we will sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb (Rev. 15:1-4).
- II. The Hope of Israel (Exodus 15:13-19)
- A. The victory of God was worthy of praise; yet, it was also to become a source of hope and encouragement for the rest of the journey to the Promised Land.
 - B. What God had done to Egypt would be a warning to the other nations in the land.
 - C. Also, it should have assured Israel of victory over all enemies – even those in the land of Canaan.
 - D. The promises of God are sure and He will do what He has said.
 - E. Thus, He reigns over the Earth forever.
- III. The Joy of Miriam (Exodus 15:20-21)
- A. On this occasion of joy, Miriam led the women in singing praise to God for His triumph.
 - B. Miriam is called a prophetess – meaning either “one who is inspired of God” or “the wife of a prophet” (cf. Jud. 4:4; 2 Kin. 22:14; 2 Chr. 34:22; Neh. 6:14; Isa. 8:3).
 - C. Note that even under the Old Law, she only led the other women in singing.
 - D. This was an occasion of joy for all Israel, for all had been spared and delivered by Jehovah (cf. Gal. 3:26-29).