

Exodus (The Way Out)

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Saturday & Sunday, March 24/25, 2018 Ray Davis

Exodus 15:1-27 “Song of the Redeemed”

If you are forgiven, reconciled to God, adopted as His child, lavished with His love, empowered by His Holy Spirit and guaranteed a place in heaven all through the atoning work of Christ, then you have a song to sing. And it's a song that no trial, no disease, no difficulty, no persecution, no power on earth or in hell can stop. The critical question is not 'Do You have a voice?' but 'Do You have a song?'

This is the second recorded song in Scripture. This is the Song they sang on the shore of the Red Sea after God's miraculous salvation! This is a song for all the people of God throughout redemptive history (Rev15:2-3).

WHY DO WE SING?

- 1) **Because God Tells Us to Sing.** (Ps47:6, 100:1)
- 2) **All Three Persons of the Trinity are Connected to Song.**
The Father (Zeph 3:17); The Son (Matt26:30; Luke 4:16); The Holy Spirit (Eph5:19).

WHAT DOES SINGING DO?

- 1) **It helps us to express our emotions but also to speak to them.** V1; John 4:23-24; The heart feelings that music expresses aren't always happy ones: i.e. confession/repentance Ps32 & 51; despair/turmoil Ps42; darkness Ps88.
Speak to emotions: 1Sam16:23; Job21:12; 30:31; 1John 4:18.
- 2) **It helps us to personalize & remember deep truths about God and His Work.**
Deep truths about God and His work: God's covenant (v2); God's character (vv3, 11, 13); God's name (v4); God's work (vv6-7, 12, 16); God's purpose (vv17-19).
Personalize: v2 has 7 personal pronouns.
Singing helps us remember God's Word: Col3:12-16

- 3) **It is part of our body language of more fully expressing our love to God.** Vv20-21; Ps 108:1-2 I will praise Him with my whole being. Clapping Ps47:1; Dancing Ps30:11; Lifting our hands Ps28:2; Lifting head Ps3:3; Kneeling Ps 95:6; Standing Ps122:2; Hearing Ps49:1; Bringing offering Ps66:13.
- 4) **It helps us to express our unity as the Church and encourages others.** vv1, 21; Ps34:5, 66:1-6
- 5) **It heals our hearts (vv22-26) and refreshes our souls (v27).**
Phil4:10-13; Acts 16
- 6) **It welcomes the Spirit's work into our lives.** Eph5:18-20; Ps22:3, 100:4

Growing Notes

- 1) What are your thoughts and feelings about singing songs of praise and worship to the LORD? Read the introduction to this sermon. Why do you think the critical question when it comes to fully embracing our redemption is not 'Do You have a voice?' but 'Do You have a song?' Explain.
- 2) Read Exodus 15:1-27. What do you think the Israelites were feeling after what happened to them in Exodus 14-Crossing the Red Sea? What stands out to you from this text? Why do you think redemption should lead to rejoicing (Luke 15:1-24)? Why do you think the people were so quick to go from rejoicing to complaining (vv22-26)?
- 3) Why do we sing (review the two points along with Bible references in this sermon)? God's commands are not arbitrary rules but always for our good and His glory. Explain this as it relates to singing.
- 4) What does singing do (review the six points along with Bible references in this sermon)? Which of these are most convicting? Most compelling? Why do you think that whatever level of excitement you have at a sporting event, concert or movie it should pale in comparison to your excitement when you are at church singing and praising God (Matt6:21)? Pray.