

# Praises After Crossing The Red Sea

Exodus 15

Faith Portal Church

**ADULT**

Unit 11 Lesson 5

## Supplemental Texts

Exo 14

### Focus Verse

“I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.” – Exodus 15:1

### Introduction

The army of Pharaoh pursued after the Israelites immediately they realized they had done foolishly by allowing the people to go (Exo 14:5). The Israelites were frightened when they saw the advancing Egyptian army. Moses calmed their fear and encouraged them in the Lord. God told Moses to divide the Red Sea with his staff. Incredibly, the Red Sea was parted into two, and the Israelites went through, but the Egyptians were drowned. Truly, they saw God’s salvation!

## Deeper Look

### I Will Sing Unto The Lord – Exo 15:1-21

Moses and his people rejoiced with a song of praise unto the Lord for delivering them out of the hand of Pharaoh and overthrowing the Egyptian army in the sea. They declared that the Lord is the salvation of His people (v. 2). The Lord Jehovah is great in battle! The song details the ease with which God subdued the Egyptians without any resistance. The Israelites saw the power and the work of the strong east wind, and they could not help but regard it as the breath of God. The Egyptian army, along with Pharaoh, had their mind on seizing and destroying the free Israelites, but instead, they were destroyed in the sea (Psa 136:15). If God is for us, victory is ever sure (Isa 54:15; Rom 8:31). The nations nearby became terrified and troubled by the God of the Israelites. And Miriam, the prophetess, led a song of praise involving other women on how God triumphed gloriously over Pharaoh and his army. God loves our praises (Heb 13:15)!

### They Found No Water – Exo 15:22-27

From the Red Sea, Moses led his people through the desert of Shur for three days, and there was no water. When they came to Marah (bitterness), they found water, but it was bitter. And so, the people grumbled against Moses. They soon forgot about God’s mercies to them. They forgot they could cry unto God, instead of crying against His servant. In His love, God made the water drinkable. There, He gave them a law and an ordinance. God enjoined the Israelites to obey His word to avoid being inflicted with diseases. And at Elim, they had much water! Praise God!

## Questions

1. What theme befits the song Moses and the Israelites sang to the Lord after crossing the Red Sea? What is significant about the Israelites identifying God as “my father’s God”? What lesson is to be learned from the originality of the song?
2. Did the Israelites rejoice in their ability to destroy the pursuing Egyptian army? See Exo 15:4-5. To whom did the Israelites ascribe all honor for their freedom? Why is that important?
3. In verse 7 we read, “Thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee.” What is noteworthy about this statement? How can it apply to you?
4. Every individual has enemies. What kind of things would your enemies wish on you? How can you be protected from all such wishes?
5. What message would the redemption of the Israelites and their victory over the Egyptian army convey to the nations around as they journeyed to the promised land? See Exo 15:13-16. How might this be true in our life?
6. How might the experience of the Israelites in the wilderness of Shur be likened to our experience after we have accepted Jesus Christ? See Exo 15:22-24.
7. Compare the experience of the Israelites in the wilderness of Shur to that at Elim. What did God require of them? How might this be applicable to you?

## Personal Meditation

Song of praise must be sung unto God at all times, especially when victory is realized (Psa 34:1). This was the case with the Israelites after crossing the Red Sea and seeing their Egyptian oppressors destroyed in the sea. The victory God gave the Israelites was undisputable, and it was unprecedented. It was not the work of man but God's. No wonder a song of praise, detailing the power of God, was rendered. Praising God is a thing that we are enjoined to do (Heb 13:15), and God dwells in the praises of His people (Psa 22:3). When God's people praise and worship Him, victories are sure! Remember how Judah triumphed over the people of Moab, Ammon, and Mount Seir (2 Chr 20). God is able, and He owns all power on earth and in heaven (Matt 28:18). He sends His angels to always watch over His children (Psa 34:7; 91:11).

What does this mean to us? It simply means "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord" because "the Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace" — Exo 14:13-14. Be encouraged! In no time, you will burst into praises for the goodness of God in your life.

## DAILY STUDY

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| Monday    | Exo 15:1-5   |
| Tuesday   | Exo 15:6-10  |
| Wednesday | Exo 15:11-15 |
| Thursday  | Exo 15:16-21 |
| Friday    | Exo 15:22-24 |
| Saturday  | Exo 15:25-27 |



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