

Praise With Music

Exodus 15:11-21



¹¹ Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

¹² Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

¹³ Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

¹⁴ The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

¹⁵ Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

¹⁶ Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

¹⁷ Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.

¹⁸ The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

¹⁹ For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

²⁰ And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

²¹ And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

September

Bible Background Exodus 14:1-15:21

Devotional Reading. Psalm 77:11-20

Daily Bible Readings

MONDAY: God Hardens Pharaoh's Heart (Exodus 14:1-9)

TUESDAY: Don't Just Do Something; Stand There! (Exodus 14:10-20)

WEDNESDAY: Victory by The Sea (Exodus 14:21-31)

THURSDAY: Blessed Be God Our Savior (Luke 1:67-75)

FRIDAY: Victory in Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)

SATURDAY: Moses Sings of God's Triumph (Exodus 15:1-10)

SUNDAY: Moses and Mariam Praises God (Exodus 15:11-21)

Key Verse Exodus 15:11:

"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?" (Exodus 15:11, NRSV).

Lesson Aim:

LIST 3 ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (Nontransferable)

CONSIDER The Israelite method of celebrating and remembering history through the use of songs has also been used in other cultures'

TRUSTING GOD'S PLAN WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE GOD'S HAND (during trying times.)

Background

God had promised Moses that He would be with him as he led the Israelites out of Egypt to a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses trusted God and obeyed Him. God finally got Pharaoh's attention after all the first born of all the Egyptians were killed. Moses led the people through the wilderness as the Egyptian army tried one last time to recapture them per the orders of Pharaoh. However, in spite of the danger, "Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still'" (Exodus 14:13-14, NRS) The deliverance of the Israelites and the defeat of the Egyptians is the occasion for the song which is recorded in Exodus chapter 15. However, this triumphant song of praise isn't about Moses' leadership, it is a description of the power of God as Israel's defender and deliverer.

Lesson Commentary:

Who is Like the Lord? (Exodus 15:11-13, NRSV)

11 Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

12 You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

13 In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided **them** by your strength to your holy abode.

Who is like you O LORD among the gods.

The Israelites while living in Egypt were subjected to the many gods that the Egyptians worship. (Polytheism) God delivered them from bondage and oppression by HIS right hand (God power and might). God used the ten plagues to indicate to Pharaoh and to the Israelite's that HE is God and there is no other. This song of praise gives us insight of the Lord's great attributes that sets Him apart from other "gods". God is holy. He is totally unlike any false deity that has ever or could ever be imagine or exist.

THREE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

(1) GOD IS OMNIPRESENT---HE is present everywhere at the same time. The psalmist states that no matter where we go, God is there. (Ps. 139 7-12).

(2) GOD IS OMNISCIENT---HE KNOWS EVERYTHING. (PSALM 139 VS 2: "You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.) God knows all thing, past, present and future.

(3) GOD IS ONIPOTENT—He is all -powerful and has ultimate authority over all things and all creatures. Genesis 1 Vs 1 - In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth.

(Other attributes of GOD—HE is transcendent—He is different and independent from His creation. HE is eternal---He is from everlasting to everlasting. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.)

TRUSTING GODS PLAN

One can imagine the excitement, the joy the Israelites were experiencing when they began to leave out of Egypt. They were given everything that they needed from their oppressors. The atmosphere was ecstatic (four hundred plus years in bondage). But then came what appeared to be a major hurdle. The mighty Egyptian army advancing towards them from the rear, and the Red Sea in front of them. In what appears to be a NO WIN situation, (was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die. Exodus 14 vs 10—13). The Israelites deliverance became evident as God instructed Moses to raise his staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea ON DRY LAND. (How great is our God).

Our God has promised never to leave us or forsake us. He is faithful to His word. Life's challenges can from time to time distract us. The enemy will use these opportunities in our live to create doubt, even question God's plans for us. However, we are reminded (Jeremiah 29:11 – For I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.) And so it is for all who would accept Jesus as Lord and savior, the guardian of their souls.

HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE THE AWESOMENESS OF GOD WHEN HE BRING YOU THROUGH DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.

Moses wrote the song and may have led Israel as they sang it. His sister Miriam and all the women joined in the celebration. This was a time of corporate worship. After seeing the Egyptians horses and riders hurled into the sea, this expression of praise and thanksgiving for God's deliverance was expressed through the usage of song. (music) Hymns.

Music serves as an avenue for the people of God as they express their worship to Him. We worship God for who He is and for what He can and will do for us His children. Our songs of praise also serve as a testimony, so others can hear of the awesomeness and majesty of the true and living God. As seen in our text Vs 14 – 16." The people shall hear". We are reminded to go therefore and make disciples of all nations (Matt, 28vs 19. Rom. 10 vs 14). Ephesians 5 and 19 ESV; "addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.