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Praise God!
Exodus 15
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

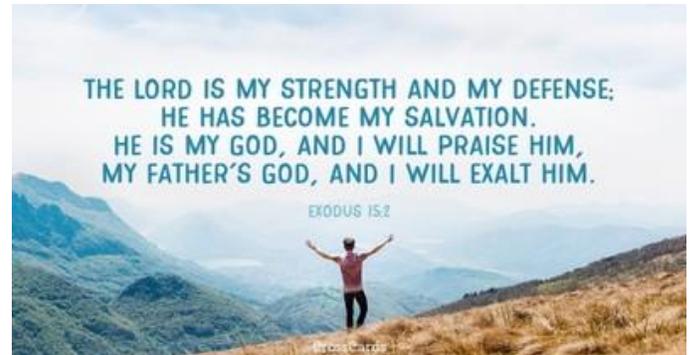
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at Exodus 15. The Israelites have been saved from Pharaoh and are traveling through the desert. When they are saved from Pharaoh they rejoice with a song of celebration. They praise God for what He has done; delivering them with a powerful hand from Pharaoh. Their song is a song of celebration. However, they quickly turn from the song of celebration to grumbling about water. Join us this week as we talk about worshiping God and recognizing what He has done for us.



The Song of Moses and Israel

1Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and said,

“I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted;

The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.

2The LORD is my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation;

This is my God, and I will praise Him;

My father’s God, and I will extol Him.

3The LORD is a warrior;

The LORD is His name.

4Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;

And the choicest of his officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

5The deeps cover them;

They went down into the depths like a stone.

6Your right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power,

Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

7And in the greatness of Your excellence You overthrow those who rise up against You;

You send forth Your burning anger, *and* it consumes them as chaff.

8At the blast of Your nostrils the waters were piled up,

The flowing waters stood up like a heap;

The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil;

My desire shall be gratified against them;

I will draw out my sword, my hand will destroy them.’

10You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them;

They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

11Who is like You among the gods, O LORD?

Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in praises, working wonders?

12 You stretched out Your right hand,
The earth swallowed them.

13 In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed;
In Your strength You have guided *them* to Your holy habitation.

14 The peoples have heard, they tremble;
Anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia.

15 Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed;
The leaders of Moab, trembling grips them;
All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

16 Terror and dread fall upon them;
By the greatness of Your arm they are motionless as stone;
Until Your people pass over, O LORD,
Until the people pass over whom You have purchased.

17 You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance,
The place, O LORD, which You have made for Your dwelling,
The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.

18 The LORD shall reign forever and ever.”

19 For the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them, but the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea.

20 Miriam the prophetess, Aaron’s sister, took the timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dancing. 21 Miriam answered them,

“Sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted;
The horse and his rider He has hurled into the sea.”

The LORD Provides Water

22Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. 23When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. 24So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” 25Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw *it* into the waters, and the waters became sweet.

There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them. 26And He said, “If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer.”

27Then they came to Elim where there *were* twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

1. What does the song emphasize?
2. How do the people sing the song?
3. Which people of the world would not like this song?
4. Was it fair for the people to grumble “what shall we drink” when they had no water? Explain
5. How are the people tested?
6. What can we learn from the quick transition from praising God to grumbling?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

7. What can we learn from this song of worship that applies to our worship today?

8. The Israelites desperately needed water. What is the proper response to God when we are in desperate need?

9. What do you think is the main idea of this passage?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes