

# GOD'S MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE

CORE PASSAGE: EXODUS 15:1-13

## CONTEXT

After the final plague of death to the firstborn son, Pharaoh finally let God's people go. But Pharaoh got angry and changed His mind, rallying the troops and pursuing the Hebrew people up to the Red Sea. Trapped, the people of God doubted that God could deliver. Through miraculous means however, God parted the Red Sea, led His people safely through, and defeated their enemies as the waters consumed them. Thus, God's promise to His people was fulfilled: "The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I receive glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen" (Exodus 14:18). It was time for the Israelites to celebrate.

## KEY CONCEPT

**God is our faithful Deliverer, able and powerful enough to save us from all things.**

As you examine Exodus 15:1-13:

- Contemplate the methods God used to protect His people from Egypt.
- Respond with worship because of God's faithful and powerful acts in your life.



## TIMELINE

God Sends Moses to Egypt to Deliver the Hebrews (Exodus 3-6)

God Leads Israel out of Slavery  
in Egypt (Exodus 13-14)

**SESSION STUDY: Moses and Israel Sing God's  
Praises for His Salvation (Exodus 15)**

God Sends Ten Plagues Against Egypt  
(Exodus 7-12)

God Delivers Israel from the Egyptian Army  
Through the Red Sea (Exodus 14)

The People Grumble in the Wilderness, and God Provides for Their Needs (Exodus 15-17)

### Daily Readings

- Day 1:** Exodus 13:17-14:4
- Day 2:** Exodus 14:5-14
- Day 3:** Exodus 14:15-22
- Day 4:** Exodus 14:23-31
- Day 5:** Exodus 15:1-21
- Day 6:** Psalm 106



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Scripture passages.

## PERSONAL PREPARATION

EXODUS 15:1-10

### WE WORSHIP, KNOWING GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND DELIVERER.

*Underline the “I will” statements in verses 1-2.*

**1** Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD. They said: I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted; he has thrown the horse and its rider into the sea. **2** The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. **3** The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. **4** He threw Pharaoh’s chariots and his army into the sea; the elite of his officers were drowned in the Red Sea. **5** The floods covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. **6** LORD, your right hand is glorious in power. LORD, your right hand shattered the enemy. **7** You overthrew your adversaries by your great majesty. You unleashed your burning wrath; it consumed them like stubble. **8** The water heaped up at the blast from your nostrils; the currents stood firm like a dam. The watery depths congealed in the heart of the sea. **9** The enemy said: “I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil. My desire will be gratified at their expense. I will draw my sword; my hand will destroy them.” **10** But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

#### GOSPEL CONNECTION

Just as God made a way for His people to pass through the Red Sea to escape their enemies, Christ made a way for His people to escape their greatest enemies—sin and death—through His death on the cross.

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Little in this story of salvation makes earthly sense. Powerful kings aren't easily played like a pawn (14:17). Large bodies of water don't spontaneously part (v. 21). Mighty nations aren't spectacularly decimated in one fell swoop (vv. 26-28). Chaotic crowds running from a superior enemy don't make it to safety in one piece (v. 29). Through this exodus, God's strength and sovereignty were undeniably displayed. So, appropriately, God's people sang the praises of their Deliverer!

#### VOICES FROM THE CHURCH

“Praise is the natural response from those who have experienced God's grace. The exodus was the most important event in the Bible until the cross. What did they do after it? Sing! That is what saved people do.”<sup>1</sup>

—Tony Merida

**How can you incorporate more singing to the Lord in your life?**

This song of Moses was more than simple celebration. It was an eyewitness account of the powerful acts of God—a testimony of His mighty deeds. On one hand, in His faithful compassion, God gave astonishing relief and a hope-filled future to the Hebrew people. On the other hand, in His righteous wrath, God brought proper judgment and deserved decimation to His enemies. These two “hands” were from the same good God. He is not finicky or conflicted. “The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all his acts” (Psalm 145:17). He is right to grant grace, and He is right to deliver judgment.

God had affirmed to Moses that He would provide all that was needed despite Moses's weakness (Exodus 3–4). Moses moved forward in reluctant faith, and God was indeed his strength. God had promised to pass over the households who trusted in His protection (Exodus 12), and they not only escaped the curse of death but were liberated from the clutches of the Egyptians. Truly God was their salvation. Therefore, Moses drew out particular portraits of his experience of God's actions and then personalized them. “The LORD is my strength and my song . . . my salvation” (Exodus 15:2, emphasis added).

**How would you describe God in the words of Exodus 15:1-10 in light of God's actions in your own life?**



## PERSONAL PREPARATION

EXODUS 15:11-13

### THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE GOD.

*Underline the ways God is unique from all other beings.*

**11** LORD, who is like you among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, revered with praises, performing wonders? **12** You stretched out your right hand, and the earth swallowed them. **13** With your faithful love, you will lead the people you have redeemed; you will guide them to your holy dwelling with your strength.

#### THEOLOGY CONNECTION

**GOD IS OMNIPOTENT:** God is all-powerful: there is nothing God cannot do so long as it does not contradict His own nature or law. God has power and authority over the universe He created, from the largest solar system to the smallest particle. Affirming that God is all-powerful does not mean that God can sin—since that would go against His perfect moral nature. As Christians, we rest in the belief that the God who has all power is good, and we gain great comfort by knowing that an all-powerful God is working for our good and joy.

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“Remember.” We find this as a command all throughout Scripture. Great blessings are in store for those who purposefully reflect on the character of God and intentionally recall all He has done for His people. Conversely, the consequences of foolish forgetfulness are also on display in biblical stories and our everyday lives.

Presumably this hymn of praise was an instantaneous response to the deliverance God’s people experienced. But this truth-filled tune has lasted through the ages. It was a significant moment in God’s unfolding plan of redemption, and it was preserved and recorded for future generations to enjoy and use.

God’s Word is more than a collection of stories. It is a special revelation of God’s glory alongside His magnificence demonstrated through His creation (Psalm 19). Scripture is a lasting record of God’s faithfulness, an infallible promise of God’s purpose and plan, an instructive gift to the church, and more. This song and the rest of Scripture is saturated with God’s character and provides a well of goodness for God’s people to draw from.

Who is like God? No one. Yahweh alone is all glorious, holy, revered, wondrous, powerful, faithful, and strong. In response, we must choose to remember and renew our minds with His Word so we can cling to the one true God with all we have for as long as we live.

**How can remembering God’s faithfulness to His people in the past help you trust in His promises yet fulfilled?**

If one of the most primary tasks of a Christian is to recall who God is and all He’s done, the task on deck is responding. We live a “therefore” life: “God is \_\_\_\_\_, therefore I will \_\_\_\_\_. God has done \_\_\_\_\_, therefore I can \_\_\_\_\_.”

Moses understood this. After looking back and celebrating the good God of their great rescue, Moses looked forward, declaring, “With your faithful love, you will lead the people you have redeemed; you will guide them to your holy dwelling with your strength” (15:13). And the people followed God where He led. Recalling God’s past provisions enables us to trust more readily in God’s future faithfulness and His power to accomplish what He has planned.

**How can you better live in response to the character of God displayed in Exodus 15:1-13?**

## GROUP EXPERIENCE

### WHAT SAVED PEOPLE DO

Consider times in your own life when God showed His faithfulness.  
Fill in the spaces below with your personal praise for God's goodness.

V. 1	I WILL SING TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS . . .	HE HAS . . .
V. 6	LORD, YOUR RIGHT HAND IS GLORIOUS IN POWER. LORD, YOUR RIGHT HAND . . .	
VV. 9-10	THE ENEMY SAID . . .	BUT YOU . . .
V. 11	LORD, WHO IS LIKE YOU AMONG THE GODS? WHO IS LIKE YOU, . . .	
V. 13	WITH YOUR FAITHFUL LOVE, YOU WILL . . .	

What reasons do you have to praise God?  
What reasons do you have to share His good news with others?

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## HEAD

What are some ways you can evaluate your view of God and make it more accurate?

**PRAYING SCRIPTURE**

Read Psalm 106. Spend time in confession of ways you have forgotten your Savior (v. 21). Then pray through verses 1-12, asking God to help you better believe His promises and sing His praises.

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES



## HEART

How can you cultivate a worship-filled heart that remembers more of God than it forgets?



## HANDS

How will you make use of God-centered poetry, hymns, and songs this week?

