

# Journey into Freedom

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Exodus 15:1-21, 15:22-27

<b>Bible Text</b> New International Version	<b>Observations</b> What does the text say?	<b>Interpretation &amp; Questions</b> What does it mean to all Christians?
<p><b>Exodus 15:1-21</b></p> <p><b>The Song of Moses and Miriam</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup> Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:</p> <p>“I will sing to the LORD,                      for he is highly exalted.                      Both horse and driver                      he has hurled into the sea.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> “The LORD is my strength and my defense<sup>[a]</sup>;                      he has become my salvation.                      He is my God, and I will praise him,                      my father’s God, and I will exalt him.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> The LORD is a warrior;                      the LORD is his name.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Pharaoh’s chariots and his army                      he has hurled into the sea.                      The best of Pharaoh’s officers                      are drowned in the Red Sea.<sup>[b]</sup></p> <p><sup>5</sup> The deep waters have covered them;                      they sank to the depths like a stone.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> Your right hand, LORD,                      was majestic in power.                      Your right hand, LORD,                      shattered the enemy.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> “In the greatness of your majesty                      you threw down those who opposed you.                      You unleashed your burning anger;                      it consumed them like stubble.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> By the blast of your nostrils                      the waters piled up.                      The surging waters stood up like a wall;                      the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.</p>		

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<p><sup>9</sup> The enemy boasted,              'I will pursue, I will overtake them.          I will divide the spoils;              I will gorge myself on them.          I will draw my sword              and my hand will destroy them.'  <sup>10</sup> But you blew with your breath,              and the sea covered them.          They sank like lead              in the mighty waters.  <sup>11</sup> Who among the gods              is like you, LORD?          Who is like you—              majestic in holiness,          awesome in glory,              working wonders?  <sup>12</sup> "You stretch out your right hand,              and the earth swallows your enemies.  <sup>13</sup> In your unfailing love you will lead              the people you have redeemed.          In your strength you will guide them              to your holy dwelling.  <sup>14</sup> The nations will hear and tremble;              anguish will grip the people of Philistia.  <sup>15</sup> The chiefs of Edom will be terrified,              the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling,          the people<sup>[c]</sup> of Canaan will melt away;  <sup>16</sup>     terror and dread will fall on them.          By the power of your arm              they will be as still as a stone—          until your people pass by, LORD,              until the people you bought<sup>[d]</sup> pass by.  <sup>17</sup> You will bring them in and plant them              on the mountain of your inheritance—          the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling,              the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established.</p>		

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<p><sup>18</sup> “The LORD reigns for ever and ever.”</p> <p><sup>19</sup> When Pharaoh’s horses, chariots and horsemen<sup>[e]</sup> went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. <sup>20</sup> Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron’s sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. <sup>21</sup> Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.”</p>		
	Application What does it mean to me?	
<p><b>Footnotes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Exodus 15:2 Or <i>song</i></li> <li>b. Exodus 15:4 Or <i>the Sea of Reeds</i>; also in verse 22</li> <li>c. Exodus 15:15 Or <i>rulers</i></li> <li>d. Exodus 15:16 Or <i>created</i></li> <li>e. Exodus 15:19 Or <i>charioteers</i></li> </ul>		
<p><b>Summary:</b></p>		
<p><b>Exodus 15:22-27</b></p> <p><b>The Waters of Marah and Elim</b></p> <p><sup>22</sup> Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. <sup>23</sup> When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.<sup>[a]</sup>) <sup>24</sup> So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”</p>		

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<p><sup>25</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test.</p> <p><sup>26</sup> He said, “If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.”</p> <p><sup>27</sup> Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.</p>		
<b>Application</b> What does it mean to me?		
<b>Footnotes:</b> a. Exodus 15:23 <i>Marah</i> means <i>bitter</i>		
<b>Summary:</b>		

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## Songs of the Redeemed

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### Scriptures:

Psalm 9:1-4

John 16:33

### Question:

Think of a time that you felt overcome by impossible circumstances. Tell how God's grace worked in your life and gave you hope or write a "song" praising for His care.

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Lecture Notes

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