

THE SONG OF VICTORY IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER. (EXODUS. 15:1-11)

The Song of Moses and Miriam

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.

² “The LORD is my strength and my defense^[a]; he has become my salvation.
He 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 Pharaoh’s chariots and his army, he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s
officers
are drowned in the Red Sea.^[b]

⁵ The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

⁶ Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD,
shattered the enemy.

⁷ “In the greatness of your majesty, you threw down those who opposed you.
You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble.

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.’

¹⁰ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead
in the mighty waters.

¹¹ Who among the gods, is like you, LORD, Who is like you—
majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

VICTORY: The state or fact of having defeated an opponent or of having achieved success in a struggle against difficulties.

In our individual spiritual journey, many of us have encountered or engaged in spiritual battles and warfare. And because of God's faithfulness and might, we have celebrated victories and thus there are enough reasons to have uttered victory songs. Praise the Lord.

There can never be victory except where there has been war or battle. Every battle Christians have engaged themselves into, alone in their strength, they are bound to loose or have been defeated. But for every battle they have called the Lord to fight on their behalf, they have surely won it. It's the reason we sing that He is the mighty warrior, strong in battle, Jehovah is His name.

Jesus our savior too conquered the grave, and told us to be brave. He knows that following Him requires determination, commitment and faith. He said he will always be with us.

This **complete** victory of Israel over the Egyptians was obtained, and we are told how it was celebrated; God accomplished deliverance by his own immediate power. Moses, no doubt by divine inspiration, composed this song, and delivered it to the children of Israel, The scene of this thanksgiving song is supposed to have been at the landing place on the eastern shore of the Red Sea, the fountains of Moses

Here in Exodus 15 Moses led the nation of Israel to sing a powerful song of praise to God. And they sing with all of their hearts because they sensed the passion of the moment and their divine deliverance.

Egypt had enslaved the people of Israel for a long, long time. But God had led them out of that slavery with His right powerful hand. In fact, when the Egyptians had

pursued them God opened up the Red Sea to let Israel pass and then buried the Egyptian army in the waters as they pursued.

The Lord is one of war, that is, well able to deal with all those that strive with Him and His people, and will certainly be too hard for them. Verse 11, **He is** a God of matchless and incomparable perfection. This is expressed, "*First, Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods!*" This is pure praise, and a high expression of humble adoration. It is a challenge to all other gods to compare with him: "Let them stand forth, and pretend their utmost; none of them dare make the comparison."

Egypt was notorious for the multitude of its gods, but the *God of the Hebrews* was too hard for them and confused them all.

Considering the state of servitude in which they had been born and subjected, and the rude features of character which their subsequent history often displays, it cannot be supposed that the children of Israel generally were qualified to appreciate the beauties of this wonderful song.

Miriam the prophetess—too called from her usual divine revelations from God (Numbers 12:1), but in this instance notably from her being a skilled musician, **took a timbrel**, a musical instrument, made a jingling sweet noise to the Lord and **all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing. She sang;** "Sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea."

God's ways are amazing, we read in Exodus 2 the story of the Hebrew children were killed and Moses' parents were faced with a crisis. Then Pharaoh had decreed that every Hebrew baby boy was to be thrown into the Nile to drown. For three months they hid their baby, but eventually it becomes obvious that the plan will ultimately be fruitless. The baby was growing. So they devised a plan. They built a

basket and coated it with pitch, they put the baby inside, and then they put the basket in the reeds along the shore. And that's how his life was saved.

The bible says , man reaps what he sows. In Exodus 14:7 we are told that the number of chariots was 600, and the drivers were the best Egypt had. **Chariots** were the most sophisticated military technology available at that time. The Israelite had nothing in their hands, except that **they went out with faith in their God, trust and boldness.** God fought on Israel's behalf and Pharaoh and his chariots and horsemen, **were all drowned into the sea as they had done to the Hebrew children many years previously! Surely Man reaps what he sows.**

Worshipping is what we do, praise is how we do it. It is a call to celebrate all that the Creator is. At victory, we remember the words in Psalms 30:5 that Weeping may last for a night, but laughter and joy come in the morning.

Before we enter into a moment of praise, we need to go into repentance. Praise must begin in the heart and spirit first. Getting rid of anything that will hinder individual and corporate praise should be the desire of the heart. We enter praise, to worship God with the fruit of our lips or in other words, to speak words of exaltations, adorations and worship to the Lord.

Brethren, we should declare that our tongues are the pen of a ready to write victory songs to God; and that His praise will continually be in our mouths. While we are in praise we should tell Him how wonderful we believe He is, and how magnificent and marvelous He is. The approach to praise is not to receive, but to give Him praise, for everything He is, and not only for the things we receive. Let us Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to His excellent greatness and praise Him for all that He is, and who He is.

All Christians, we must develop an attitude of praise and worship even when we face many situations which may seem like darkness, struggles, hardships, hustle after hustle, and all you see around you is death, and are tempted to think that the Lord has given up on you, enemies are pursuing after and around you, don't allow your eyes to settle on them but rather on God whose cloud and pillar of fire signifies His presence with you as it was with the Israelites. The moment they looked up and saw the cloud on top of them, they became very courageous.

Our total dependence on Him will accelerate our day of redemption, And soon He will put a triumphal song into our mouth .

If we can remember very well, Moses was a stammerer and humble timid man, but he confided in God as his enabler. He composed and led the victory song. Not long ago, all that could come out from the Israelites' mouth, was crying, cursing, complaining, but after the baptism of water at the bottom of the Red sea, God anointed the congregation with the music of celebration starting with their leader Moses.

There is a season for crying and a season of laughing, a season of mourning and one for dancing, a time for the garment of praise and for the spirit of heaviness, a time for stammering and a time for perfect utterance. We have to be expectant because there is no condition that is permanent.

The devil's wish for us, is to ensure that we don't experience those wonderful moments of praise but instead suffer for him, we should deny him such advantage of us, we are to rejoice in the Lord, and the bible says that God's glory dwell in the midst of praise of His people. When we worship God, His glory descends on us and He takes care of us, and the evil agenda is disorganized in our lives. Let us always

keep singing victory songs and keep the devil away, because he can't withstand the glory of the Lord.

Are you ready to avail yourself as an instrument of praise or a instrument of weeping and complaining? At any given time, we have to be doing service for either of the above master , Jesus or the evil one. May our home be altars of praise and worship because the Lord has dealt with us so graciously.

If we compare ourselves with so many other people around us , there are so many reasons to jump and shout for the Lord. May our lips be always be filled with messages of gratitude to God and in so doing, His presence will continue with us .

I suggest that we leave the environment of stress, conflict and hopelessness in the Red Sea, and jump into our Canaan where the ground for singing, dancing and celebrating to our God is leveled and conducive. And we shouldn't cross with hardened hearts , but rather with obedience because if we do, misery, hardship , calamities will catch up with us as it happened to the Israelites after crossing the Red Sea in such victory.

May the Holy Spirit continue to work thru our lives and develop us into an attitude of singing victory songs because the Lord our savior too arose from the grave and reigns in victory forever more. Amen.