



Sermon Notes from 28 July

Great Victories Demand Great Songs (*Exodus 15:1-21*)

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Every great victory brings with it great songs. The song recorded in the passage is referred to as the 'Song of Moses' or 'Song of The Sea'. Moses and the people of Israel sang it to celebrate the victory of the crossing of the red sea. *The purpose of this song is to praise God's destruction of His enemies* (Ex 15:1).

4 Stanzas from The Song of Moses (Exodus 15)

1) The Lord is a Man of War

v3 - God is referred to as a 'Man of War'. We see God identifying with His people throughout the book of Exodus; knowing their pain and suffering, understanding their struggles (Ex 3:7). Beyond the physical war that was happening, there was also a cosmic war going on. This war was too big for the Israelites to fight; they needed God to fight for them. He did so by coming as a Man of War.

v4 - 'Egypt' is mentioned only once throughout the entire song. This shows that the song is beyond God's victory over Egypt. This song is for all of God's people at any time and age who are struggling against the enemies that seek to oppose them. Our God is a God of war who fights for His people and shatters His enemies. Take heart and remember that you have a God who fights for you!

2) How the Lord is a Man of War

v4 - God came down as a Man of War to defeat the best armed forces of Egypt without any human methods. The enemy had their confidence in their weapons, strength and skill (v9). In contrast, the people of God had none of that but the Man of War - who snuffed out the enemy with His 'sneeze' (v8). The Lord sneezes and His enemies perish. Such is the power and might of God!

3) Who is like the Lord, the Man of War

v11 - God shows everyone that there

is truly no one like Him: Yahweh. Often times, our view of God is too small. When this is true, we will start to fear. Our human view of God will always be smaller than the God we will meet in eternity, who is infinitely bigger! That is why we can trust in Him to fight for us! To be holy is to be set apart; fundamentally unique. God saves His people in a manner that only He can do. He is majestic in holiness because there is none like Him!

4) As a Man of War, He fights for your Now and for your Future

v14-18 - God is telling His people that if He can defeat Egypt, He can also defeat any and all of the lesser enemies in the future. If the Lord Jesus Christ has defeated our greatest enemies: sin, Satan and death, we no longer need to fear any other enemies in the future. The battles of the future are the Lord's (v14). Fret not, for He will fight for you!

3 Applications

#1 You don't always have to be strong for the battles of life - The Lord is your strength when you have no strength of your own (Ex 15:2). Resolve in the fight that it is for the glory of God. He is your strength. Do not depend on your own (Jud 15:16). God purposefully designs our weak places and assigns us to them.

#2 Sing not only in your victory but also in your misery - The true song of faith rises in the dark nights of the soul. Singing brings strength, and strength brings more singing. So sing to the glory of God!

#3 Your last song of victory is not here on earth - The Song of Moses is also The Song of The Lamb (Re 15:2-4). Take heart! Your song of victory is coming! Jesus - the Man of War, fought for your life with His life and won. Therefore, sing the unstoppable song!