

Exodus 13-15 Principles, Power and Praise

Tonight we are going to look at Chapter 13-15 in our study of the book of Exodus.

A) In these three chapters we will see God institute a principle

B) We will see God Demonstrate his Power

C) And we will see his people break forth into Praise

Ch.13 God institutes a principle

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine.”

Now here in V.1 of chapter 13 we see where God introduces the principle of the firstborn

A) This moment in Exodus 13 is much more than a historical instruction

B) it's a theological anchor that ties together redemption, identity, and ownership in a way that echoes all the way into the New Testament.

C) We will come back to this in a minute

Keep reading as God reminds his people of the Feast of unleavened bread

3 And Moses said to the people: “Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out of this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. 4 On this day you are going out, in the month Abib. 5 And it shall be, when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. 6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the Lord. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters.

So as they are heading out on their journey the Lord says remember to keep the feast of unleavened bread.

A) Seven days they were to purge the leaven from their homes and their lives

B) We talked about this last week as the Lord instructed them after the Passover to purge the leaven – before leaving Egypt

C) **We noted How Passover is a picture of Justification** it is what God did in order to deliver them from Egypt

D) All they were required to do is apply the blood of an innocent lamb

So Passover pictures our Salvation and the work of Christ

A) The Feast of Unleavened bread followed Passover **and it is a picture of our Sanctification –**

B) After we are saved we play an active role in being sanctified or set apart sin

C) In Passover or Salvation **we believe** in the finished work of Jesus our Passover lamb

D) In Sanctification **we obey** the Word of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit to turn from Sin and the flesh and walk in the Spirit

So God is saying Remember this feast it is important picture of your Walk with me – live set apart –

A) Interesting that the Lord – institutes this in the beginning of their pilgrimage – sending a message – **Holiness is important to me**

B) God will do this at several points in the scripture – New thing – Strong message – Holiness

C) **Promise Land Jericho – no spoil – Achan – steals hides killed**

NT Beginning of the New Church

A) Acts 5 Ananias and Saphira lie to the Holy Spirit – struck dead

B) Never happens again – but God is making a statement – Holiness is important to me

C) So he institutes this feast to help them remember

D) Peter said in his Epistle stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance – we needed it

E) Denise sends me to the store - I write everything down – I will forget

Once a group of 30 year old friends had a reunion. They decided to go to dinner. One person suggested the Glowing Embers Restaurant because the waiters and waitresses are all young and energetic...

Well, the same group of friends reunited at age 45 and planned a dinner. Again they decided to go to the Glowing Embers Restaurant because the food choices were so good...

Fifteen years afterwards, at age 60, they met again for dinner.

- They agreed to go to the Glowing Embers because you can eat there in peace and quiet...

At age 75 the friends reunited and chose the Glowing Embers because there were no steps into the building and it had an elevator...

And finally, at age 90, the group met one final time for their 15 year reunion.

After discussing where to meet to meet for dinner they all said they wanted to go to the Glowing Embers Restaurant **because they had never been there before! 😊**

A bad memory is one of the greatest hindrances to our spiritual victory.

A)I've heard it said, "Satan's strategy is to cause you to remember the things you ought to forget and to forget the things you ought to remember."

B)Well when it comes to things that God has done he didn't want his people to forget – so he gave them yearly reminders

C)And it was to be a teaching moment for them with their kids and grand kids

D)Notice what he says next

8 And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'This is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came up from Egypt.' 9 It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the Lord's law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.

Here the Lord is describing to his people how he wants them to be intentional about training and leading their kids – grand kids

A)Set up memorials – as talking points

B)Jordan River a pile of rocks – so when your kids ask – why what happened here you can tell them

C)Do this so it can become a talking point between you and your kids of what I have done – who I am

Guys we need to be intentional about our Spiritual growth and intentional about the training of our kids

A)It is not just going to happen.

B)I am intentional about my Devos – if I didn't do that each morning – not going to happen

C)I am intentional about dating my wife – Fridays

We need to be intentional about – training our kids

A)Set up Memorials – Create talking points – my wife pictures

B)Proverb about intentionality

C)Grand parents – if their parents are not being intentional with your grand kids you can do it – every chance you get

Bring the Lord into everyday conversations –

A)Grandson Josiah – all the different trees – what do you think God was thinking when he made that one

B)All the different bugs -

C)People are Unique you are unique

Now as we continue we see the Lord introduces this New Principle – of the Consecration of the First born

11 “And it shall be, when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, 12 that you shall set apart to the Lord all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males shall be the Lord’s.

The Principle of the first born

A)First born sons were considered the best the family had to offer

B)In ancient culture, the firstborn son represented:

- The family line
- The future inheritance
- The strength and priority of the household

C)In patriarchal cultures, Firstborn sons are considered uniquely qualified to represent their fathers, purely because of their birth order.

D)Firstborn sons are given special authority and honor, along with the responsibility of managing their family’s inheritance.

So After the Passover—when God spared Israel’s firstborn but struck Egypt’s—first born

A) God gives this command: V.2 **“Consecrate to Me all the firstborn... it is Mine.”** (Exodus 13:2)

B) This wasn’t random. It was a response to redemption.

C) The firstborn of Israel were *spared*, so now they are *set apart*.

Here God is making a powerful statement:

A) “Because I redeemed them, they are Mine.”

B) This establishes a core biblical principle: Redemption is meant to lead to consecration.

C) See Israel wasn’t just rescued from Egypt—they now belonged to God in a unique way.

D) Later on, God would dub this term “first fruits” or the firsts of what you grow on a piece of property -- that belongs to the Lord.

E) when God claims the firstborn/ firstfruits, He’s essentially saying:
“I want your *first and your best*, not your leftovers.”

I love the idea of Baby Dedications – Dedicating or consecrating – setting apart our kids to the Lord

A) Sometimes I think – we need to do it again -18 – kids are ready to go off to college – pursue God’s purpose

B) Seen Kids – Feel a call to Ministry – Parents are like “I don’t know – doesn’t pay well – long hours – people hard to please”

C) Those were all reasons I showed no interest in Ministry before God called me – Every pastor I knew CCCM struggled

1) Over worked and under-paid

D)When God called me – Dad “Never going to be happy... do?

1)38 yrs later death bed – remember made it ☺

E)Talking with Charlies Parents – College be a Doctor -God called him

1)Big step – Parents so supportive – so proud of them

Now Notice what he says in V.13

13 But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

A)Interesting A lamb took the place of a firstborn donkey.

B)Donkeys were unclean animals – so God didn’t want them set apart

C)This reaffirms the principle of Substitution in redemption

D)Something must die so something else can live.

- Clean animals → sacrificed
- Unclean animals → **redeemed with a lamb**
 - Firstborn sons → **redeemed (not sacrificed)**

E)Firstborn humans were redeemed with a sum of money that was an offering to the Lord.

So the Lord institutes this principle – Consecrate the first born

A) The Principle pointed toward Jesus

B)The New Testament calls Jesus:

- “The **firstborn over all creation**” (Colossians 1:15) Best ever created
- “The **firstborn from the dead**” (Colossians 1:18) First to rise never to
- die again

C)Jesus in Romans 8:29 is called the firstborn among many brethren

- **Redemption and Substitution defines our Identity**

We deserved judgment- A substitute took your place

A) We now live because of that sacrifice

B) But we weren't just rescued, You were claimed

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.”

1 Corinthians 6:19,20

C) Don't resist – I don't want to be owned – be my own person

If that is your mentality you are Seeing it all wrong the God who created the universe is saying – You are mine

A) I want to do great and awesome things in your life and with your life if you will let me

**B) I made you and I bought you! – redeemed you back – Follow me!
Consecrate yourself to me**

**C) So the Over arching lesson for us in this
Substitution defines your identity**

D) The Exodus pattern becomes your story:

- You deserved judgment
- A substitute took your place
- You now live because of that sacrifice

D) Another way to say it is this way Exodus 13 teaches us that

- What God redeems, He claims.
- What He claims, He sets apart.
- What He sets apart, He uses for His purposes.

God desires your “first and best”

A) This shows up in:

- **Priorities (time with God first)**
- **Giving (first fruits principle)**
- **Devotion (heart, not leftovers)**

B) It's not legalism—it's response to grace.

**C) You live as a “set apart” person set apart to God = TRUE FREEDOM
1) TRUE PURPOSE**

14 So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is this?’ that you shall say to him, ‘By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ 16 It shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.”

This creates another teaching moment- get your kids off of their devices and get out of the house – teaching moments

A) God established these laws and rituals to be certain that future generations would always remember **His work of deliverance and redemption from Egypt.**

B) God is saying never forget what I did in Egypt.

**C) Let my deliverance guide your hands *or actions* –
1) and focus your eyes *or 11 thoughts*.**

D) Now the rabbis took verse 16 literally and created phylacteries - leather straps and pouches containing Scripture portions.

1) Even today, orthodox Jews carry the story of the exodus between their eyes and on the back of their hands. PIC

How can we do that?

A) Be on in your hands - Phone – Scriptures to meditate on –

B) Today Devos Psalm 119:137-144 – God’s Word

Your judgments are upright – True and righteous

Your Word is righteous and very faithful.

Your word is very pure;

Yet Your commandments are my delights.

C) Frontlets between your eyes

Pictures in the house - office

D) Let it always be before you!

17 Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.” 18 So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.” **Prophecy over 300 yrs before - reminder sometimes we have to wait a while to see the fulfillment of the promise**

Though God referred to the Hebrews as “armies,” He knew they weren’t ready for war.

A) SO Rather than enter Canaan by the coast, facing an enemy immediately, God chose an alternate route.

B) There’s an old joke you’ve probably heard, “Why did the children of Israel wander in the wilderness for forty years?” *The answer?* “Because like most men, Moses was too stubborn to stop and ask for directions!”

C) Although the joke illustrates a truth about the male species, it's not biblical.

D) God led his people in this way along the Wilderness for a Reason

Wilderness is not Sequoias national forest – Burney? East of Redding

A) This was not that – no this was a barren desert – a wasteland

B) Almost always what wilderness refers to in the Bible

C) God is going to lead them to 8 stops – 7 before MT Sinai – spend 3 months – The Law / The Tab/ The Priesthood

D) Wilderness 101 – training ground to mold them and shape them

1) Get Egypt out of their hearts

20 So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness.

A) Succoth = booths – tents – pilgrims don't get comfortable

B) Etham means with you – God is saying to them – in this barren wasteland of a desert – don't worry I am with you

C) Two signs - 21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. 22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

Now this Pillar of Cloud by Day & Fire by night is a neat Picture of the H.S. in our Lives : Consider 5 ways

A) #1 The Cloud was not given to Israel until after they were delivered from Egypt

**B) #2 The Cloud was given to guide Israel – v.21 given to lead the way
*Romans 8:14 Those who are Led by the Spirit – are Sons of God***

C) So too Jesus said in Jn. 16:13 *The H.S. would guide us into all truth*

D) #3 THE CLOUD WAS A COVERING – Shade from the heat 120 deg.

Psa. 105:39 *He spread a cloud for a covering, And fire to give light in the night.*

E) Same way we are told the H.S. covers us Sealed or covered until the day of redemption

#4 God Spoke to them thru the Cloud – Psa.99:7

A) Rev. letters to the Churches *He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches*

B) #5 – The Cloud never left them in the Wilderness / v.22

1) Jesus said of the H.S. in John 14:16 *He shall abide w/ you forever*

C) SO As we study thru this book keep in mind how this cloud – pictures the work of the H.S. in our lives !!!!

D) Good thing to do some further study on your own

Well that brings us to Chapter 14 2nd main point – God Demonstrates his power – Focus of our Sunday Deep dive – not spend a lot of time

Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2 “Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by the sea. Boxed in trapped – God intentionally led them there. Be intentional – huge word these days –

God intentionally led them there – to Grow their faith – and Reveal himself

3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, ‘They are bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.’ What idiots – they are lost.

4 Then I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord." And they did so.

Once again – God says I will harden his heart – meet him in his resistance – fulfill God's purpose that the Egyptians **may know that I am the Lord."**

5 Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"

Are we crazy we just laid off the whole work force?

6 So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him. 7 Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them.

The Jewish historian Josephus says Pharaoh also employed 50,000 horsemen and 200,000 foot soldiers - *all to retrieve former slaves*

8 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness.

This is now the 8th and final time that we read the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart – that was after we read 6 times that Pharaoh hardened his own heart – God is meeting him in his resistance

9 So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

13 And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

15 And the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

Three things that are needed for them to experience the miracle

1st Put aside fear and replace it with faith

2nd Stand still – stop moving

3rd – When the time is right – MOVE

17 And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. 18 Then the Egyptians **shall know** that I am the Lord, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

The rest of the Egyptians back in Egypt will know that I am the Lord!

A) The Red Sea was a defining moment in the History of Israel

And a testimony to all the land of Caanan –

B) 40 yrs later when Joshua had taken Moses place and is finally leading the people into the land of Caanan – the first obstacle is Jericho

C) Two spies – Rahab

She said this: ¹⁰ **For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed Joshua 2:10**

Even the pagans in the land of Caanan are talking about this 40 years later – how THE LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea

¹⁹ And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.

²⁰ So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness *to the one*, and it gave light by night *to the other*, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

This is interesting the same cloud that hovered over them to lead them – descends upon the Egyptians – Sea of Fog – couldn’t move

God’s wonderful protection

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry *land*, and the waters were divided. ²² So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry *ground*, and the waters were **a wall to them** on their right hand and on their left.

The term “wall” is the same word used for the walls of Jericho. It speaks of a city’s walls.

A)The Hebrews are descending between two very tall, solidified, fortified walls of water. *You wonder, did they see fish or marine life in the wall?*

Picture /Video

²³ And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

²⁴ Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. ²⁵ And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.”

²⁷ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. ²⁸ Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, *and* all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. ²⁹ But the children of Israel had walked on dry *land* in the midst of the sea, and the waters *were* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Unfortunately, we no longer can identify any of these locations, which means the exact site of the crossing is unknown.

A) And yet, three sites are most often suggested...

B) First, is the bitter lakes region just east of the Nile Delta. “sea of reeds” or “sea of seaweed.” – not deep maybe a foot

C) Shallow tide moves – sandbar –

1) Ok how did the whole Egyptian Army drown in 12 inches of water

The second suggested site of the crossing is on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Suez.

A) But read verse 3, “the wilderness had closed them in and the _ Hebrews were trapped. _

B) When Pharaoh’s army pursued them they didn’t run or try to escape. Boxed in by these two MTs –

C) There aren’t two MTs boxing you in at that site

The third suggested crossing is at the Gulf of Aqaba on the eastern side of the Sinai Peninsula, bordering ancient Midian or Arabia.

A) There the Red Sea is a half mile, or 2300 feet deep.

B) It’s 12 miles across. Nuweiba Beach has been sited as a possible Hebrew campsite, *and is boxed in on all sides!*

1) Called today Paradise of serenity – sits in between two mts

C) The beach is nearly 11 square miles, plenty of room for 3 million Hebrews.

D) A narrow entrance leads through the mountains to the beach.

1) And divers there have found coral formations looking a lot like chariot wheels and axels.

E) We can’t be sure but Nuweiba Beach could be the crossing site

But Imagine, you standing on the shore and being told to move out into the seabed.

A)You're now walking downhill as far as you can see... it's a long corridor.

B)At Nuweiba Beach the Gulf of Aqaba is a little more than 12 miles wide. The ocean floor has about a 13% slope leading down into the seabed.

C)That's about the same slope as a wheelchair ramp.

D)You would be walking into a corridor of wall water as far as you could see

E)My Point that took Faith – Hebrews 11:29

²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land, whereas* the Egyptians, attempting *to do* so, were drowned.

Always takes faith to follow God

³⁰ So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ **Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.**

Israel feared the Lord – they had a reverence and respect – Awestruck

And Moses approval rating is at an all time high – Problem is it won't last very long – People then like today – are fickle

Listen I appreciate you all so much – amazing Church -But I can't do what I am called to do for your approval

A)Audience of one – Jesus

B)Good lesson to learn any who want to serve

Picture of Salvation and Baptism

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 1 Corinthians 10:1,2

Our baptism

⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4

Finally Chapter 15 A song of Praise – Read this outloud together

Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying:

“I will sing to the LORD,
For He has triumphed gloriously!
The horse and its rider
He has thrown into the sea!

²The LORD *is* my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
He *is* my God, and I will praise Him;
My father’s God, and I will exalt Him.

³The LORD *is* a man of war;
The LORD *is* His name.

⁴Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;
His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

⁵The depths have covered them;
They sank to the bottom like a stone.

⁶“Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power;
Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.

⁷And in the greatness of Your excellence
You have overthrown those who rose against You;
You sent forth Your wrath;
It consumed them like stubble.

⁸And with the blast of Your nostrils
The waters were gathered together;
The floods stood upright like a heap;
The depths 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 satisfied on them.
 I will draw my sword,
 My hand shall destroy them.'

¹⁰You blew with Your wind,
 The sea covered them;
 They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹"Who *is* like You, O LORD, among the gods?
 Who *is* like You, glorious in holiness,
 Fearful in praises, doing wonders?

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

¹³You in Your mercy have led forth
 The people whom You have redeemed;
 You have guided *them* in Your strength
 To Your holy habitation.

¹⁴"The people will hear *and* be afraid;
 Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia.

¹⁵Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed;
 The mighty men of Moab,
 Trembling will take hold of them;
 All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away.

¹⁶Fear and dread will fall on them;
 By the greatness of Your arm
 They will be *as* still as a stone,
 Till Your people pass over, O LORD,
 Till the people pass over
 Whom You have purchased.

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

¹⁸“The LORD shall reign forever and ever.”

¹⁹ For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea.

What a song - #1 Hit in the land – top of the charts for years

Quickly point out 5 things this Song tells us about God

A) Great things to consider for further meditation

#1 He is our Deliver V.1-2 – Horse and rider ... sea

- Our strength and our Salvation

#2 He is the one who fights for us – Man of War V.3-10

#3 He is the Transcendent God – V.11-16 None like him

- His Holy otherness

#4 He is the great Promise keeper – V.17 – Promise made to Abraham

#5 He is the eternal one – He shall reign forever! V.18

²⁰ Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. ²¹ And Miriam answered them:

“Sing to the Lord,
For He has triumphed gloriously!
The horse and its rider
He has thrown into the sea!”

Dick Vandyke – used to say Moses probably danced a little right? Who wouldn’t dance after this! COME ON

Can Christians Dance? – Ok – Answer some can and some can’t
Miriam led the ladies in a dance

Close tonight by noting this is a beautiful moment of praise and rejoicing by the people of Israel

A)But wouldn't it have been amazing if rather than complaining on the other side -trapped – they worshipped

B)In reality who does that?

We see one example in the lives of Paul and Silas – Acts 16

A)Arrested beaten bloody – thrown into a dark and rat infested prison

B)They sang songs in the midnight hour

C)Who does that – People who know their God and people who know they belong to God

Lord help us to be those kind of people – Amen