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- A **new** song **commemorating** the victory.
- God is **victorious** & doing **marvelous** things.
- Praise for **accomplishing** our **redemption**.

3. The joy of *praise*

- All of Creation owes the shout of praise.
- Every knee will bow & tongue confess.
- We worship God enthusiastically.

4. The joy of anticipation

- Pictured as our **Strong** Savior & **Conquering** King.
- Looking for His return as the **Righteous Judge**.
- Completely **free** from the **bondage** of sin.
- All of Creation will finally be **free** from the **Curse**.

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