

We sing as a response to God's work. The song of Moses in Exodus 15 is a result of the work of God to free them from Pharaoh's army in Exodus 14.

4 Reasons We Sing from Exodus 15:

#1- Because of God's Power: V1-5; Observations: 1) The song is a response to salvation. Salvation can be from spiritual and physical things. 2) The recipient of this song is the Lord. Each stanza has an **Introduction, Truths about God, and Telling of a story.**

- V1: Sing to the Lord, He has triumphed gloriously.
- V2-3: Truths: God has "triumphed gloriously" – an open victory viewed by millions. Truth: V3, "man of war." God fights face to face. He fights Pharaoh Himself.
- V4-5: Story: God's enemies are buried in the sea. God is all powerful over Pharaoh and his armies (V4-5): Is. 43:13, 14:27, 2 Chron. 20: 6, there is no one to stand against Him. V2: God is my strength, salvation, and my God.

#2- Because of God's Wrath: V6-10;

- V1: God's right hand (strength) has become glorious and shattered the enemy.
- V7-8: Truths: Consumed them like stubble (V7), dried the land (V8), and gathered the waters (V8).
- V9-10: Story: God crushed His enemies (V9), and sank the armies like lead (V10). V6, "glorious," is worship causing. Rev. 11:18, they worshipped God as He takes His kingdom and executes justice and wrath upon His enemies.

Do we sing about God's wrath? Yes, and we sing about the wrath avoided through Jesus and salvation offered by His Son's death. Jesus satisfied the wrath of God.

#3- Because of God's Grace: V11-15;

- V11: Who is like the Lord? Who is like the Lord glorious in holiness? Doing wonders?
- V12-13: Truths: The earth swallowed the enemies of God (V12). God safely led the ones He redeemed, guided by His strength (V13).
- V14-15: Story: All the peoples will hear of God and be afraid: Philistia (1 Sam. 4:5-8), Edom, Moab (Num. 22:3), Canaan (Josh. 2:10-11) – these nations will fear God. The Canaanites were being judged for their wickedness, they were squatters on Israel's land, God is working on behalf of Israel because of His grace, and God is fulfilling His promise to Abraham (V13).

#4- Because of God's Kingdom: V16-18;

- V16: Fear and dread will fall on them because of His great strength
- V17: Truths: God will bring His people in and plant them. God has prepared them a place where He will dwell with them which He has established.
- V18: Story: The Lord reigns forever and ever. God's kingdom has come! Rev. 11:15.

We Sing Because of God's Glory: attributing to Him the truths about Him in song and through preaching His Word.

Further Discussion and Application

If God be for us who can be against us? List the truths and promises God gives us in Rom. 8:31-39:

What are some continuing promises that connect what God demonstrated to Israel in Exodus 14-15 and what we have received in Christ? What promises from the song of Moses have we seen accomplished in Christ? (Salvation, victory, avoided wrath, redeeming of His people).

God receives worships as we ascribe (attribute) His own qualities back to Him. How does worship continue as we learn and study the Word of God? As we love our spouses? As we teach Sunday school? As we sing? As we hear the Word of God preached? What results in our lives from a life lived worshipping God?

God's kingdom has come. It has come through saints being redeemed and added to Christ's church. It has come through God's Word confirmed through the ages and will be confirmed in the future by Christ's return. Describe the worship due to the Lord from the statement: "The Lord shall reign forever and ever."

What does the significance of Moses' song learned by the nation of Israel who sang "The Lord **SHALL** reign forever and ever" in 15th century BC? He reigned over Pharaoh and He demonstrated His reign throughout Scripture. Describe what this means to you as you recall all the times God reigned in the life of the Israel, in Jesus conquering sin, in your salvation, and in the Revelation and things to come?

Why do you sing? Why should you sing even more? (Hint: you'll be doing it forever)