

**THREE
GREAT WORDS
FOR
THE JOURNEY
EXODUS 15**

Introduction

A. Israel's deliverance pictures our salvation

1. We were slaves to sin and Satan

Romans 6:17

**But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin,
but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine
which was delivered you.**

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A. Israel's deliverance pictures our salvation - continued

2. We are delivered by the blood of the Lamb

Revelation 5:9

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

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B. Now the Israelites have a difficult journey ahead



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C. The Christian life is also a long journey

1. There are many trials along the way

1 Peter 2:11

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

2. God prepares us for the journey

1 Kings 19:7

And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

Exodus 15:1-21

1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

5 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Exodus 15:1-21 - continued

6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

Exodus 15:1-21 - continued

10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

14 The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

Exodus 15:1-21 - continued

15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.

Exodus 15:1-21 - continued

18 The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

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

21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

I. Celebrate (15:1-21)

**A. These delivered ones had many things to celebrate
Psalm 107:8**

**Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!**

**B. They chose to count their blessings and celebrate
Psalm 9:1-2**

**1 I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will
shew forth all thy marvellous works.**

**2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to
thy name, O thou most High.**

I. Celebrate (15:1-21)

C. What do we have to celebrate?

- 1. Our sins have been forgiven**
- 2. We've been justified and on our way to heaven**
- 3. God has promised to be with us all the way**

Ephesians 1:3

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in
heavenly places in Christ:**

II. Innovate (15:22-25)

A. The Israelites encountered their first serious problem on the journey (15:22-23)

Exodus 15:22-23

22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

II. Innovate (15:22-25)

B. Sometimes bitter experiences make bitter people

Exodus 15:24

And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

C. God had an innovative solution to the water problem

Exodus 15:25

And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

II. Innovate (15:22-25)

D. The lessons for us

- 1. We will encounter challenges where we need God's innovation**

John 6:5

When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

John 6:9

There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

II. Innovate (15:22-25)

D. The lessons for us - continued

**2. Our innovation should always be rooted in
God's inspiration and our obedience**

John 6:6

**And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what
he would do.**

II. Innovate (15:22-25)

D. The lessons for us - continued

3. God's solutions to our problems will always involve the tree

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Mark 10:37

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

III. Dedicate (15:26-27)

A. Moses called the people to new dedication (15:26)

Exodus 15:26

And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

III. Dedicate (15:26-27)

B. Healing and blessings would follow their dedication

Exodus 15:27

And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

Matthew 11:28

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

III. Dedicate (15:26-27)

C. We cannot expect God's blessings apart from our full dedication

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**Where Are You On Your Spiritual
Journey?**