

## Message Notes

### “Let My People Go – They Will Sing My Praise”

#### Exodus 15:1-18

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#### Remember with Poetry: This Stirs the Heart

##### ◆ As Invited

##### ◆ “Sound the Timbrel” (by Thomas Moore)

Leader: Sound the loud timbrel o’er Egypt’s dark sea! Jehovah has triumphed – His people are free. Sing – for the pride of the tyrant is broken, his chariots, his horsemen, all splendid and brave –

People: How vain was their boast, for the Lord hath but spoken, and chariots and horsemen are sunk in the wave.

All: *Sound the loud timbrel o’er Egypt’s dark sea; Jehovah has triumphed – His people are free.*

“(Music is) a gift from God that allows us to express our deepest heart responses to God and His truth in meaningful and memorable ways. It is a case of our hearts joining with our minds to say, ‘Yes! Yes! Yes!’ to the truths we are embracing.”

(James Boice)

##### ◆ As Illustrated

##### ◆ In Scripture (Judges 5; 2 Samuel 22; Revelation 15)

##### ◆ In This “Song of the Sea”

##### ◆ Written By Moses

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.” (Exodus 15:1 ESV)

“Now therefore write this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the people of Israel.” . . . Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel. (Deuteronomy 31:19, 30 ESV)

##### ◆ Witness to God: His Power and Promise

#### Recognize His Purpose: This Strengthens Our Mind

##### ◆ He Brings His Character for Display

##### ◆ He Brings Justice to His Enemies

The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. “Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. (Exodus 15:3-7 ESV)

**“This wrath of God is not a vehement, irrational, vindictive, arbitrary, capricious venting of some supernatural spleen. It is the manifestation of the repugnance of a holy God against all who defile, disrupt and destroy the world that He has made.”**

**(Mariano DiGangi)**

**◆ He Brings His People Home**

**“In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”** (John 14:2-3 ESV)

**“We need a God who has the power to save us, to triumph over sin in our lives. We need a God of wrath, who will see to it that justice is done in the end. We need a God of everlasting love, who will take us home to live with Him forever. The God of Moses is everything that anyone could ever need or even want in a God.”**

**(Philip Ryken)**

**Respond with Praise: This Satisfies My Soul**

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

**(Colossians 3:16 ESV)**

**◆ Why Do I Sing? – For the Love God Shows**

**◆ Where Is My Sight? – For the God I Love**