

Exodus 15:1

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!"

Yesterday looked at the first time the word “worship” is mentioned in the bible. When we did, we also found out when the first time the words “Sing, Sang & Song” were mentioned, and we saw that all three were mentioned in the same verse, which is our devotional verse for today.

So what was going on at this point in the book of Exodus to cause Moses and the children of Israel to break out in song? Well the Lord had just delivered the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, and they were headed to the Promised Land, when all of a sudden the Egyptians started to chase after them.

So the Lord delivered the children of Israel from the Egyptians by parting the Red Sea, ***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. Exodus 14:22*** because they were chasing after them.

Then after they crossed through the Red Sea; ***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. Exodus 14:28***

With the results being: ***So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 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. Exodus 14:30-31***

Which is the end of chapter 14, and brings us to chapter 15, and our devotional verse with the first mention of the words “Sing, Sang & Song”. But this was not just any singing a song, but also the first time that the bible mentions that a song was sung to the Lord: ***Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD.***

Yet how many times do we sing songs to the Lord asking Him for something? Like, *Show me Your glory or power; Give me more of You; send me Your Holy Spirit,* etc... I mean, if you think about it, how much has the Lord done in our lives already, and how many songs do we sing thanking Him just like Moses and the children of Israel did, compared to asking Him for more, even though what we are asking for are good things. Do you say, “Thank You Lord for sending me the money to pay my rent this month, now give me more of Your Spirit”? Why not just say, “Thank You Lord!!!”

As we learned yesterday that worship is giving up our all to the Lord, but we confuse that with not just giving things up, but also asking for other things.... spiritual things mind you. But still, asking for something is not giving up everything.

You see, if you give up all, you are saying, "*Here is everything Lord*" period, and allowing Him to give to you what He wants to give you, not what you want.

Now don't get me wrong, its ok to ask the Lord for things, in fact the bible teaches us to depend upon the Lord and to ask Him to fulfill our needs.

† **Luke 11:3** *Give us day by day our daily bread.*

But we should examine our hearts and our prayers and even the songs that we sing to the Lord and ask ourselves, are we requesting more from the Lord then what we are giving thanks to Him for? The bible teaches to give thanks to the Lord, not to give thanks and ask for more.

† **2 Samuel 22:50** *Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name.*

† **1 Thessalonians 5:18** *in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*