

Friday Reflections

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise him— my father's God, and I will exalt him!

Exodus 15:2

Have you ever been in a real jam and then suddenly you watch as God delivers you from your situation? It can happen in so many ways: maybe a relationship turns around, that job comes through, or you get over a health crisis. And what happens? Your heart bursts out in joy and gratitude—almost like a song.

In Exodus 15, Moses broke out in worship to the Lord following an amazing deliverance of Israel. Moses had led the people out of Egypt, but once they reached the Red Sea, the army of Pharaoh was hot on their heels. It looked like they had no place to go!

But God had a plan. He had Moses stretch his staff over the Red Sea and the waters divided and made a pathway of escape. When they reached the other side and the enemy was destroyed, Moses burst out in what is called The Song of Moses in Exodus 15.

Maybe you have been there. Or maybe you are there today with an impossible situation in front of you and troubles pursuing you from behind. Realize today that God knows exactly where he is leading you and has already worked out your deliverance. In fact, I encourage you to start singing early in anticipation of God's soon-coming victory in your life!

It's never too early to praise God and thank him for what only he knows and is doing in our lives—even when we don't see a way. Why not do that today—no matter how hard the circumstances seem, nothing is impossible with God!

Father in heaven, thank you that I need not fear anything because you have already secured my victory as I trust in you!

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