

**Psalm 77:1-6**, “I cried to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered you, O God, and I groaned; I mused and my spirit grew faint. You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; I remembered my songs in the night.”

## V. Why should we sing?

**Exodus 15:1**, “Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: ‘I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted.’”

**Exodus 15:21**, “Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted.’”

### A. Because He alone is worthy of our praise!

**Psalm 30:1-4**, “I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit. Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.”

### B. We are commanded to sing to the Lord!

**Psalm 13:6**, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me.”

### C. Because He has been good to us.

**Revelation 4:11**, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

**Revelation 15:1-4** (the last song in the Bible)

“I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues – last, because with them God’s wrath is completed. And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: ‘Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.’”

## Then Sings My Soul— Songs in the Bible Exodus 15:1-18, 21 04/26/26

**2 Chronicles 5:12-13**, “All the Levites who were musicians – Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives – stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets. The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: ‘He is good; His love endures forever.’”

**Matthew 26:29-30**, “I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.” When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**Exodus 15:1-18** “Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: ‘I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? You stretched out your right hand and the earth swallowed them. In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. The nations will hear and tremble; anguish will grip the people of Philistia. The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away; terror and dread will fall upon them. By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone – until your people pass by, O LORD, until the people you bought pass by. You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance – the place, O LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, O LORD, your hands established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

## The Five W’s who, what, where, when, & why

### I. To Whom should we sing?

**Ex. 15:1a**, “Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: ‘I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted.’”

#### A. “I will sing to the LORD.”

**Psalm 9:11**, “Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what He has done.”

**Psalm 33:1**, “Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.”

**Romans 15:11**, “And again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to Him, all you peoples.’”

**Ephesians 5:19-20**, “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Exodus 15:21**, “Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted. The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.’”

## II. What should we sing about?

**Ex. 15:1b**, “The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.”

### A. All that God has done; His mighty deeds.

**Exodus 14:5-9**, “When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, ‘What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!’ So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. The Egyptians – all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops – pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea of Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.”

**Exodus 14:13-14**, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

**Psalm 9:1-2**, “I will praise You, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.”

**Psalm 71:15**, “My mouth will tell of Your righteousness, of Your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure.”

### B. His attributes and His salvation.

## III. Where should we sing?

**Exodus 14:28-31**, “The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen – the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the great power the

LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.”

### A. On the other side of the trial!

**Psalm 122:1** (A song of ascents.) “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”

### B. On our way to worship in His sanctuary.

**Psalm 40:1-3**, “I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.”

**Psalm 63:1-4** (When he was in the Desert of Judah), “O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.”

### C. From the slimy pit and the desert.

**Acts 16:23-25**, “After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.”

### D. Everywhere is the right place to sing to God!

## IV. When should we sing?

**Psalm 146:1-2**, “Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.”

### A. All the time for all my life.

**Exodus 15:18**, “The Lord will reign for ever and ever.”

### B. In the morning and at night.

**Psalm 92:1-4**, “It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.”

### C. When we are happy.

**James 5:13**, “Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.”

### D. When we are in distress.