

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. When, on this journey out of Egypt, did this celebration take place?
2. In what ways did Moses and the people praise God?
3. For what reasons were they thankful?
4. Why did God favor the Israelites?
5. How should we as Christians praise God? At what times would we do this?
6. How does singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, after we have been through trouble, express relief, praise and thankfulness?

### SUMMARY:

In His dealings with the Children of Israel, the Lord often seemed to stand back and leave them to their own devices until they cried out to him. At that time He would answer their prayers in a very real way. It was such a time as this that caused the rejoicing of this occasion.

We should give thanks always for the things God has done for us and share with him the deep desires and cares of our hearts. Instead of a walk which consists of ups and downs, we should walk closely enough to the Lord that He can daily guide us. Also we should thank Him for all things. Had the children maintained the closeness they shared with the Lord this day, they might have been spared many heartaches in learning the lessons the Lord had to teach them.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

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Second Quarter

### THANKSGIVING FOR VICTORY

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Exodus 15:1-21; Ephesians 5:19-20*

**LESSON SETTING:** The East side of the Red Sea after the Egyptian army was drowned.

**TIME:** About 1491 B.C.

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**I. PRAISE BY MOSES.** Exodus 15:1-19

- A. Songs of Victory (vs. 1) Revelations 14:3; 15:3
- B. God our Strength (vs. 2) Psalms 28:8; 46:1
- C. A Holy God (vs. 11) Psalm 99:9; Rev. 15:4
- D. A Leader of His People (vs. 13) Deuteronomy 8:2; Psalm 139:9-10

**II. PRAISE BY MIRIAM.** Exodus 15:20-21

- A. Sing to the Lord (vs. 21) Psalm 95:1; James 5:13
- B. God Hath Triumphed (vs. 21) Psalm 21:13; 118:28; Isaiah 25:1

**III. PRAISE BY THE BELIEVER.** Ephesians 5:19, 20

- A. Spiritual Conversation (vs. 19) Deuteronomy 6:7; Malachi 3:16; Luke 24:13-14
- B. Singing in Your Heart (vs. 19) Psalms 81:1; 95:1; 1 Corinthians 14:15
- C. Testimony for Christ (vs. 19) Mark 5:18-19; 2 Timothy 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15
- D. Thanksgiving (vs. 20) Philippians 4:6; Colossians 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND SONG, AND HE IS BECOME MY SALVATION . . .*  
Exodus 15:2a

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Exodus 15:23-27; 16:1-13

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** John 6:30-63

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Journeys of Israel

**TOPIC:** DIVINE PROVISION

**INTRODUCTION:**

We read in Psalm 106 that as Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt, God saved them from the hands of the enemy. He caused the water to cover the enemies and not one was left. "Then believed they His words; they sang His praise. They soon forgot His works, they waited not for His counsel: but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert." (vs. 12-14) When God bestowed quail upon them in answer to their request for meat, they gorged themselves on it and many died in their gluttony. A certain name was given this place "because there they buried the people that lusted". (Numbers 11:34)

It is indeed sad to note that after God had delivered them from bondage and oppression they could not trust or believe that He would care for them. They continually murmured and yet, in spite of this, God wonderfully blessed them with water, bread and meat.

May we in our lives recognize God's rich blessings and remember these things even in times of adversity knowing that even as God permitted adversity to prove the Children of Israel, so He also proves us. Let us learn from these lessons that we ought not murmur or complain or forget His blessings as the Israelites did, but rather wait on the Lord.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** By faith we can overcome all obstacles and possess the land of God.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *YE SHALL BE FILLED WITH BREAD; AND YE SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD.* Exodus 16:12

God spoke these words to the Israelites through Moses that they might recognize the source of the blessings they were about to receive. The promise was that they should be filled, that is, their needs would be supplied to the fullest. As we read of the blessings of the manna which was given each day and as we realize that a lesson of complete dependence on God was being taught, we can only marvel that the Israelites were so stony-hearted that they murmured against God.

We need not marvel though, because we can see similar unbelief and stony-heartedness in our own generation. People today, being richly blessed with material gifts do not give God the glory nor acknowledge that He is the source of all blessings.

We also see a lack of faith to believe that God fills us with Spiritual bread which is intended to give us everlasting life. People murmur and complain about this spiritual bread because it restricts them in their desires. They often complain that these ways are nonessentials. They lust after the things of the world and God "gave them their requests; but sent leanness into their soul." (Psalm 106:14-15)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 28 – May 4**

M. \*Divine Provision. Exodus 15:23-27; 16:4-12

T. Israel's Bread. Exodus 16:17-22

W. Israel's Sabbath. Exodus 16:23-30

T. Israel's Memorial. Exodus 16:31-36

F. Israel's Shepherd. Psalm 23:1-6

S. Israel's Strength. Isaiah 25:1-12

S. The Christian's Bread of Life. John 6:31-40, 48, 58