



## PRAISING GOD THROUGH PRAYER

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**EXODUS 15:1-5 NKJV** – Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying:

(1) “I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider, He has thrown into the sea! (2) The LORD *is* my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He *is* my God, and I will praise Him; My father’s God, and I will exalt Him. (3) The LORD *is* a man of war; The LORD *is* His name. (4) Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. (5) The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone.

It’s hard to pick one verse in **Exodus 15** because it’s a song, literally a song celebrating what God has done among the Israelites and delivering them out of slavery in Egypt and bringing them to freedom, and so Moses just starts singing, “I’ll sing the Lord because he’s triumphed gloriously.” Think about what they’ve just seen with the Red Sea splitting in half, then walking through on dry land, and then looking back and seeing that sea come crashing down on their adversaries, the Egyptians. When Moses says, “The horse and its rider, he’s thrown into the sea,” and then he says these words in **verse two**, “The Lord is my strength and my song, Yahweh.”

I just want to encourage us today in prayer to praise God. We know there are different kinds of prayer. There’s intercessory prayer, there’s confession in prayer. There’s petition as we ask God for things and there’s thanksgiving. At the same time, part of our prayer life should include praise and worship and exaltation and singing, even. I would encourage you if you don’t sing during your time with the Lord, you need to start singing at some point because the Lord is our strength and our song. He’s the one who has saved us.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**PSALM 145:7**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Positivity is a choice that becomes a lifestyle.