

The LORD Is A Man Of War Exodus 15:03-08

Ex 15:3 "The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name."

Who is the man of war? For Israel it was God. God chose Israel to be his nation of people. God miraculously created, and performed, the plagues that caused the Egyptians to drive Israel out of their land. It was God who provided the way through the Red Sea and overthrew the Egyptians in the depths of the sea. Israel only did what God told them to do.

The same is true for you and me in our Christian life. Who is our man of war? Jesus Christ. God chose us and imparted to us newness of life in the new birth. Jesus did for us what we could not do. Jesus overcame our sinful flesh nature, and Jesus delivered us from the possessive power of Satan. It is the power of Christ, which is leading you through the sea of life, in this 'wilderness of sin' on earth. Having been given life in Christ, we understand what scripture teaches in: **Ac 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."** Jesus is the one and only Saviour, he is our Saviour, he is my Saviour. If you believe that you had, or have, anything to do with your eternal salvation, and the eternal forgiveness of your sins, you are still in the galls of bitterness and deceit. Jesus is our man of war!

4 "Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. 5 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone."

God has faithfully destroyed the Egyptians that were pursuing Israel, just as he had told them he would do. Jesus Christ has destroyed the power of Satan and the power of his evil spirits over us. Jesus has removed all of our sins from God's sight in the eternal perspective. Here are some scriptures that teach us this truth:

- **Ps 103:12 "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."**
- **Jer 31:34 "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."**
- **Heb 8:12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."**
- **Heb 10:17 "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."**

Can you know that your sins have been eternally forgiven, if you have not already been born again, and given eternal life in Christ? Knowing, your sins are eternally forgiven in Jesus Christ, is the evidence you need to prove to you that you are a born-again child of God.

We must remember that the forgiveness of sins is applied in the eternal perspective. We shall see, as we continue following Israel, that there is a consequence to be borne for disobedience to God, here in time. We do experience the blessing of knowledge, of the eternal remission of sins, and God's salvation, here in time. This is why we rejoice in the finished work of Jesus Christ, knowing we are freed from the bondage of our sinful flesh nature, and that we can continue to overcome, as seen in scripture in: **1Jo 4:4 ¶ "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."** We overcome our inherit, sinful, flesh nature, because of the supremacy of the power of Christ in us. If you trust in any other power: you will fail to win the continual battle against the inherit sinful flesh nature.

6 "Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy."

Why would they say, and sing, "**thy right hand?**" Just as in nature, most people are right-handed and their greatest strength is in their right hand, so they apply this thought to God. However, remember in: **Ex 14:19 "And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them;"** We stated then that this "**angel of the Lord**" was the preincarnate Son of God.

We believe Israel recognized "**the angel of God**," as the "**right hand of God**," because their deliverance was by God's power. Having the New Testament scriptures, we understand that this is the preincarnate Christ Jesus. Because we understand from scripture that Jesus Christ is depicted as the "**right hand**" of God, seen in:

- **Ps 17:7** "Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them." God has always saved, and continues to save, his people through Jesus Christ, as demonstrated by the following texts.
- **Heb 1:3** "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"
- **Heb 8:11** "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;"
- **Heb 12:2** "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."
- **1Pe 3:22** "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."

Salvation comes in many forms. In the present scene: God, through "**the angel of God**," and by his unlimited power, has overthrown and destroyed Pharoah and the Egyptian armies, and has saved Israel from their persecution and bondage.

This salvation of Israel in time is representative of our salvation being manifest to us in time. Just as Israel can see those who once held them captive in slavery destroyed, the born-again child of God sees that Satan and his armies are driven out of their souls, and that they have been indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This is what we recognize in time, and our eternal salvation is the blessed hope we have in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Eternal salvation comes only by the eternal remission of sins, which was accomplished by Jesus Christ. We shall see the eternal salvation of all of God's people, from before and after, the first coming of Jesus Christ, manifested at his second return in the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ, when all God's people will be raised from the dead, or if alive be changed, and we shall all have glorified sinless bodies. All these bodies will be sinless because of what Jesus did in his first coming. Then will we see with clarity the prophetic picture of the words "**thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.**" How? For God's people, sin will be ended, the penalty of death for sin will be no more. Jesus shall banish, to the eternal lake of fire, every enemy of God and his people, seen in: **Re 20:10-15; 10** "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. 11 ¶ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Thank you! Lord Jesus, for the gift of eternal life, in the place you have prepared for us in the eternal heaven.

7 "And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

"**And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee:**" Jesus Christ is the "**greatness of thine excellency**," for both Israel and us today. The children of Israel recognize the "**greatness of thine excellency**" in the complete overthrow of Pharoah and his armies, and that their enemies are also God's enemies, and we should recognize the same in our Christian lives. After all: when you are born-again you have "**Christ in you;**" wherefore, our enemies are also God's enemies. In our daily struggles in life, I am afraid we often forget this, and thereby, we diminish our strength in Christian Living.

As Israel sings of the salvation of God in their lives, in their upward march out of the sea; so, it should be in our Christian lives, because Jesus Christ has provided the way, of salvation by grace, for us through this sea of life in this world. The difference, in the picture for us and Israel, is that Israel physically saw the delivering hand of God at work, while we were not present to see the delivering hand of Christ at work, as he accomplished our eternal salvation on the cross. The "**greatness of the excellency**" of Jesus Christ, the only sinless human body that ever has existed, was manifested by the life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. Jesus

overcame every enemy that was put before him. However, we do see the deliverance of our souls from the bondage of sinfulness in our new birth, here in time.

When Jesus resurrected himself from the dead, the wrath of God against God's people was satisfied, and the enemies of God and his people are consumed in eternal damnation, though they continue to exist in this world. Just as the Egyptians no longer existed in the lives of the Israelites, except as a memory, and could no longer have power to destroy or enslave them, so it is in our Christian lives. With the new birth, the enemies of God are driven forth from their abode in your soul, which makes place for Christ in you. They no longer have any power to overcome or captivate you in any way to "**destroy your eternal life.**"

Do not misunderstand and believe that you will not have the presence of sin and Satan in your life here in time. Israel was freed forever from bondage to Egypt, but they now face a new set of enemies, and they are beset on every side by dangers. Their biggest enemy is that of self. The desire to fulfill the lustful desires of the flesh nature. Things like: I want to do what I want to do. So, it is in our Christian life, with the new birth: we are freed from the eternal bondage of sin and Satan; but as our lives continue on earth in time, we have new enemies on every side, the greatest of which is our own fleshly sin nature, which simply is always at war with us by wanting to fulfill the lust thereof. We are like Israel in that we still have the desire to want to be in charge of our lives. We still want to do what we want to do. Yielding to these temptations leads us into idolatry and the disfavor of God.

8 "And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea."

The "**blast of thy nostrils**" is the picture, for us, of Christ Jesus breathing into the dead and alienated sinner the breath of life and we become a living soul in Christ. Just as God breathed into Adam the breath of life and man became a living soul. If you are to have Christ in you, there must be a place in you that is cleansed from all sin. As the blast of the nostrils of God cleared a pathway for Israel's deliverance: by the power of the word of Jesus Christ, your soul is cleansed from all your sins and indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God.

"**The depths were congealed in the heart of the sea**" is graphically demonstrated in the text as the waters stood up on each side of Israel as a heap. Before your new birth, your soul was part of the sinful sea of life, which was filled with waters of sin. By the blast of his nostrils Jesus moved the sea of sinfulness from your soul. Just as the waters of the sea were congealed, which means to be stiff, so, by the application of the blood of Christ Jesus, your sins are driven from your soul, and they are congealed. Being congealed, which means to be made stiff, they cannot just run back to their former place. They must stay out of your soul where the power of Jesus has placed them. When Jesus drives the demonic possession from our souls, these demonic forces go into the swine and drown themselves in the sinful sea of life as they did in the Gadarene, seen in: **Mr 5:7-13; 7 "And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea."** Surely this depicts the scene before us of the Egyptians being drowned in the sea.

The Red Sea gives us a picture of the depravity of man in sin. It can now be easily pictured how the eternal salvation of our souls from our sins is manifested in our new birth. Water can easily move from one place to another, by its own power, if there is a path for it to follow. Congealed means to be made stiff. If it is stiff, it can no longer run where it wants to but must stay where it is placed. Wherefore, the depravity of sinfulness in your soul: having been removed by the breathe of Christ: and having been congealed by the applied blood of Jesus Christ: can no longer interfere with our eternal life; just as Pharaoh, and his armies, could no longer meddle with the Israelites.

Do you see the picture of Israel in the midst of the sea? Now, they are on the upward journey out of the sea. Apply this to your Christian life. Before the new birth, your soul was running wheresoever the currents of the sea

of sinfulness in life took it. Now, having been born again, while you were at the very bottom of your journey through the sea of life: with the new birth understanding, you realize you are on an upward journey out of the sea of life to an eternal land of promise in the eternal heaven. This reminds us that the Christian life is an upward journey, even though we still have to face many enemies and tribulations in this life in time. Just remember, the pathway, through the sea of sinfulness in time, leads upward to the eternal abode with Christ, where we shall be forever with the Lord! "***The LORD is a man of war!***" Hallelujah! Amen!