

“Moses and Miriam Praise God”

“It’s Time to Celebrate !”



Introduction

What is your favorite gospel song? How does this song express thankfulness and rejoicing in the victories of God? Celebrating God with music, dance and words help us to reflect on and show appreciation for his mighty acts of deliverance.

Today’s Lesson Objectives

- **Explore** why and how Moses and Miriam praised God
- **Reflect** on the actions of God that are celebrated through music, dance, and words
- **Celebrate** God’s faithfulness with joy

Scripture

Exodus 15:11-21 (KJV)

Devotional Reading:

Psalm 105:1-2, 37-45

About Today’s Lesson...

We have much to thank God for. If you are reading this text right now, you should give God thanks. God, in His infinite mercies and His grace, has allowed you to live and experience another day. Even in the midst of problems, illnesses, and the uncertainties of this world, God should be praised, glorified, and celebrated for who He is and what He has done for us. And in today’s lesson, this attitude of gratitude is exemplified for us through the actions of Moses and Miriam.

After having been delivered from slavery in Egypt, Moses and his older sister Miriam sang a song of deliverance. They praised and celebrated God for his glory and wonders. They praised and celebrated God for his mercy and strength. And they praised and celebrated God for redeeming them. Furthermore, the Bible tells us that Miriam... “and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances” (Exodus 15:20, KJV). And Miriam called on the women to “Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously...” (Exodus 15:21, KJV).

This poetic “Song of Moses” is a stark reminder of the brutal bonds of slavery that engulfed African Americans. Though liberation from this oppressive state came in the 1860’s, there remains much work to be done before we can truly shout “Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty I’m free at last” (Dr. Martin Luther King, 1963). However, even in the midst of our current struggles, God is still at work in our lives and deserves our highest worship and our praise.

As Moses and Miriam did, celebrate God’s faithfulness with joy. Celebrate his awesomeness with the timbrel and dance. All praises to our King ! “Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD” (Psalm 150:6, KJV).

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