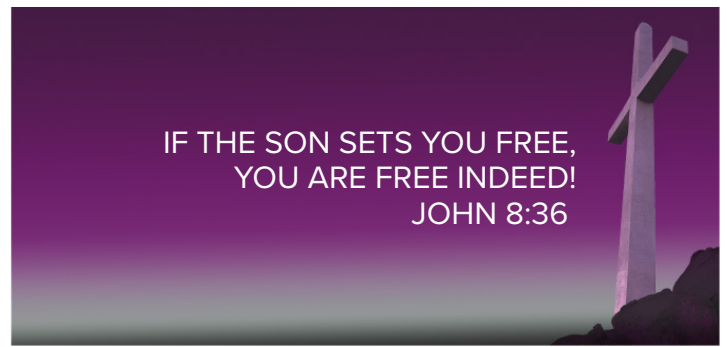


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“Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

“Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!” –Revelation 15:3

My major in college was music, and I’ve always been fascinated with the biblical narratives containing songs. Israel was the nation that went out into battle with musicians along with the army. There are many flamboyant worship scenes in the Bible, including the final events in the book of Revelation, that contain many beautiful songs of worship. But let’s start with the book of Exodus.

The Israelites had been waiting for hundreds of years to be delivered from their oppressors. Following the last plague and the Passover lamb, we find the opening of the sea, the miraculous way in which God delivered His people and took them to the Promised Land. After the parting of the waters, there is a wonderful celebration. This deliverance song, recorded in Exodus 15, in most Bibles is entitled “The Song of Moses,” but it highlights the mighty hand of the Lord (Yahweh), who was able to redeem His people. We find this song once again at the end of the Bible, but the beauty and newness of the narrative in Revelation 15 is that even though the plagues are still to happen, John first contemplates the celebration of the redeemed! The Exodus is in the background, and the redeemed sing the song of Exodus 15. John describes it like this: “I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image . . . standing on the sea of glass . . . And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, ‘Great and marvelous are Your works’ ” (Revelation 15:2, 3). Now we understand! The song of Moses is also the song of the Lamb. Jesus is the triumphant Redeemer, the greater Moses! He made a way when there was no way. The Promised Land is at hand! May our lives become a celebration of the Lamb’s work. No matter what we are going through, may we live from now on with an attitude of gratitude that is contagious. How about if we already start singing this song, now until eternity? “Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!”*

*Fanny Crosby, “Redeemed.”

Talbot, Elizabeth *Jesus Wins!*, p. 352.