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"The SONG Of Redemption"

Psalms 98

As regenerated and converted sinners, we owe a debt of praise and adoration to the “**LORD**” for all the victories His work of redemption have so freely given us – “*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*”(I Cor.2:12) Matter of fact, in this Psalm we are going to look at today, our **LORD** calls on us to: “*Sing unto the LORD a new song.*” **But here’s the thing:** No unregenerate **SINNER CAN** or **WILL** sing this “*new song*”! I told you previously about the fact that National ISRAEL could not and were never allowed to worship God, or **SING** His praises during their time in Egypt. All they could ever do was “sigh and cry”, **because they were in bondage**. But when they passed through the Red Sea, (which is a picture of redemption by the blood of the promised Messiah), they sang the song of redemption – “*Who [is] like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who [is] like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful [in] praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people [which] thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided [them] in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.*”(Exo15:11-13) In all God’s dealings with NATIONAL ISRAEL, they are a type or picture of the way God deals with all His children – Turn to **I Cor.10:1-11**. So like national Israel in Egyptian bondage, until a sinner **has been set free** “*from the law of sin and death*”, until they have been delivered from spiritual bondage, they are **incapable and unwilling** to sing **THE SONG OF REDEMPTION**. **But when they’ve been set free:** “*For the LAW of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus HATH MADE ME FREE from the law of SIN AND DEATH*” – You can’t stop their mouths from singing this glorious song. **Listen to these two verses** – “*And they sung a NEW SONG, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: FOR THOU WAST SLAIN, AND HAST REDEEMED us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.*”(Rev.5:9); “*And they sung as it were a NEW SONG before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*”(Rev.14:3) **Ask yourself this morning:** Do I know “The Song Of Redemption”? I want us to look at David’s Psalm concerning “The Song Of Redemption” which God’s elect joyfully sing.

Vs.1 – There’s no doubt that this **PSALM** is a Psalm of King David. But like every other Messianic Psalm that make reference to Jehovah’s “*hands*”, or “*arms*”, or His “*marvellous things*”, it’s not pointing us to King David, but is in fact a **PROPHECY** pointing or directing our minds, to the **ONE** of whom David was such an eminent type, the Lord Jesus – Turn to **Ps.89:19-28**. We know this to be the case because the Apostle Paul made reference to **Psalm 89** in **Acts 13:22,23**. So **Psalm 98** is a **SONG** about One greater than David, even David’s Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. David calls on **ALL THE REDEEMED** to “*Oh sing unto the LORD a NEW SONG.*” Like I said in the introduction, only those **WHO KNOW** of God’s redeeming love are capable of singing this “*new song*”. The words “*O SING*” in the original means ‘singers or songstresses’. It actually alludes to strolling minstrels. IN other words, the multitude of God’s elect are to sing in harmony this “*NEW SONG*” as they sojourn in this vale of tears. And we are to sing it to “*the LORD*”, meaning to ‘**JEHOVAH**, the self-existent One’. **What is this “new song”?** “*For HE hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the*

victory.” The phrase “*for He hath done*” is one word meaning ‘to do, to fashion, to accomplish, or to make’. The word translated “*marvelous things*” mean ‘to do an extraordinary, hard or difficult thing, to make wonderful, do wondrously, or to show oneself wonderful or marvelous’. So the “*new song*” ALL His redeemed are to sing deals with the FACT that Jehovah has fashioned, accomplished, or performed an extraordinary, hard, or difficult task, which **CAN ONLY BE DONE** by Him. **Notice what Jehovah’s “right hand” and “arm” have accomplished:** The phrase “*hath gotten Him the victory*” is one word which means ‘liberated, saved, or delivered’. Here’s the same exact word – “*Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, **THAT IT CANNOT SAVE**; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.*”(Isa 59:1) “*And he saw that [there was] no man, and wondered that [there was] no intercessor: therefore His arm **BROUGHT SALVATION** unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.*”(Isa.59:16) “*Tell ye, and bring [them] near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? [who] hath told it from that time? [have] not I the LORD? and [there is] no God else beside me; a just God and **A SAVIOUR**; [there is] none beside me. Look unto me, **AND BE YE SAVED**, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else.*”(Isa.45:21,22) So the “*marvelous things*” is speaking about His people’s salvation. This great and marvelous salvation could **ONLY BE DONE** by “*His right hand, and His holy arm*”. Who else could this refer to other than Christ Jesus the Lord – “*Who hath believed our report? and to whom is **the arm of the LORD** revealed?*”(Isa.53:1) “*Thou shalt call His name **JESUS** (JEHOVAH IS SALVATION), for He shall save His people from their sins.*”(Matt.1:21)

Vss.2,3 – What a wonderful song this “*new song*” is to those who know it! The Lord has **MADE IT KNOWN**, and it contains wonderfully blessed things. Think about what God graciously reveals to every one of His elect. **First**, He “*hath made known*” (which means ‘to make oneself known or to reveal oneself to another’) **HIS SALVATION**” (which means ‘deliverance, victory, or salvation’). **Secondly**, “***HIS RIGHTEOUS** hath He openly shown in the sight of the heathen*”. The phrase “***HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS***” means ‘justice or righteousness of a judge, ruler, or A KING’. God’s **RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT** is “***OPENLY SHOWN***” in Christ alone – “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of [his] government and peace [there shall be] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and **WITH JUSTICE** from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*”(Isa.9:6,7) This is a prophecy of God’s promise to save **ALL SPIRITUAL ISRAEL**, including those among the heathens, through the revelation of His righteous Servant. **Thirdly**, “*He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*” This salvation that extends to the ends of the earth (**meaning to all God’s elect, both JEW and GENTILE**) is a result of God’s **MERCY** and **TRUTH** found exclusively in Christ’s accomplished work as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people. **Recall the words of old Simeon** – “*And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name [was] Simeon; and the same man [was] just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all*

people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”(Lk.2:25-32) The Apostle John wrote: “For the law was given by Moses, [but] **GRACE AND TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST.**”(Jn.1:17)

Vss.4-6 – When King David calls on the whole earth to make a joyful noise, including the use of a multitude of musical instruments, i.e., trumpets, coronets, and even the voice of Psalms, there’s no doubt he intended something more than those earthly instruments created by the hands of mere mortals. **I believe the meaning refers to the chords of the heart, meaning the entirety of the heart and soul of all God’s redeemed.** Can’t you honestly say, if the Lord has been pleased to reveal Himself to you as your **Savior and Friend**, your whole heart cries out in praise to the God of all grace for His rich mercies – “*I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.*”(Ps.104:33) **Just consider the phrases David used:** “*Make a joyful noise*” means ‘to shout a war-cry or to shout in triumph’. The phrase “*make a loud noise*” means ‘to burst forth or break out’. The word “*rejoice*” means ‘to shout with joy’. The word “*sing*” means ‘to make music or SING PRAISE’. **PUT THAT ALL TOGETHER:** As God’s redeemed shout out our victorious battle cry, burst forth or break out, shouting with joy our song of praise. All this is brought forth by the knowledge of the victory so freely and richly given to God’s people. I’ll tell you, here’s a joyful noise to the God of all grace – “*Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; [even] in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.*”(Eph.1:3-12)

Vss.7-9 – In these verses David calls on the inanimate earth to join in the song. These verses bring to my mind the words of Paul in **Rom.8:19-23 – Turn over there!** If men remained silent concerning our Lord and His great salvation, I’m certain the rocks would cry out. That’s what our Lord told the Pharisees when the people were praising His name as Messiah – “*And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed [be] the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.*”(Lk.19:37-40) The fact that David appeals to the seas, and the floods, and the hills to cry out is proof that what we said concerning David meaning something with more intellect and ability than manmade horns and harps is a correct interpretation. The song that David called on us to sing is not the SONG OF CREATION, but The Song OF Redemption.

Notice the way David closes this Psalm: “for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.” David declares boldly that the same “right hand” and “arm” of the Lord who redeemed His people, will come again to “judge the earth”, and the **STANDARD** by which this world will be judged is Christ’s righteousness – “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], in that he hath raised him from the dead.”(Acts 17:31) Paul and Isaiah stated it this way: “He shall come to be admired in his saints, and to be glorified in all them that believe.”(II Thess.1:10); “And it shall be said in that day, Lo! this is our GOD, we have waited for him, and he will save us; this is the LORD; we have waited for him: we will be glad, and rejoice in his salvation.”(Isa.25:9)

Do you know this God and the Christ He sent? If you do, by His grace, break forth in your heart and with your mouth to sing The Song Of Redemption.