



Lesson 1

September 5, 2021

# Celebrating with Song

Exodus 15:11-21

In today's lesson, we will see how, after the deliverance from Egyptian slavery, Moses and Miriam composed songs and led the people in praising God. How can songs and poems express thankfulness and rejoicing in victory? In our contemporary scenario, Adrienne will explain how singing songs strengthens her faith by allowing her to recall ways that God has constantly blessed her with His goodness!

Adrienne comes from a family of singers, so it is not surprising that Adrienne has a love for music. Once Adrienne finished her doctoral degree in music, she began teaching music at the local university. Then, ten years later, she landed her dream position—Director of Music at her church. Adrienne now leads the congregation in praise and worship. Some members complain that granting time for praise and worship is “doing too much,” suggesting that they come to church only for the sermon; and that singing distracts from the Word and adds an extra fifteen minutes to the worship service. The criticism escalated when the pastor announced that Adrienne would be conducting a music workshop during the next month, the first in their small town. The workshop was expected to attract people from nearby cities and towns.

A few of the complaining members attended the music workshop. These members learned important lessons about why singing is an important part of the worship service. At one of the breakout sessions, participants wrote personal testimonies of how God had blessed them. In the next breakout session, musicians put those testimonies to music and participants recorded themselves singing their testimony. The women from Adrienne's church told the pastor that the workshop aided them in recognizing that songs help them to celebrate important events and the presence of God in their lives. Mother Smith conclude by saying that she is now convinced that music does not distract from the Word, but instead compliments the Word to deepen the impact of the words of the sermon.

## Discussion Questions:

1. How important is music to worship? Explain.
2. Share a song that you have attached to an important event in your life.
3. Share how your faith is strengthened when you recall ways God has blessed you with His goodness and might.