Majestic in Holiness

Read Exodus 14:21 – 15:18

As the Hebrews followed Moses out of Egypt, God led them on a wandering route, making it seem like they were lost in the vast wilderness. He then brought them right up to the shore of the Red Sea, with the mighty Egyptian army immediately behind them. It was a trap.

However, it was not the Hebrews who were trapped, but the Egyptians. God had lured them in. He parted the sea, and the Israelites marched through on dry land, flanked by walls of water. When the Egyptians followed, God waited till they were in the midst of the sea, then brought the waters down on them. God had used a mass of unarmed slaves to defeat and destroy what was perhaps the most powerful army on earth. For the Hebrews, certain death had turned to unbelievable deliverance.

They celebrated with singing and dancing. They exalted a God who was unlike anyone in heaven or earth:

"Who is like You among the gods, O LORD? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?" (Exodus 15:11, NASB)

They knew little about this God, but through what had just happened, they sensed His holiness, His separateness. They knew that He was completely beyond all human ability and authority. The mightiest power on earth was nothing to Him. The awesome forces of nature were His humble servants, moving at His will. Nothing in the natural or supernatural realms compared to Him.

What's more, they realized that this holy God was with them. He was leading them to a place where they would live in His holy presence (Exodus 15:13, 17).

God still reveals His holiness to His people. He is eager for us to realize that He is powerful beyond all comparisons, that He will use His power to deliver those who trust Him, and that He deeply desires for us to live as His holy people.

Listen & Sing: Our Lord I AM (from LNWhymns.com)

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