Lesson 26

4/7/19

Songs of Israel

The goal for this lesson is to explain the importance of singing.

\*\*\* Exodus 15:1-21 => The Israelites sing a song of praise to God after crossing the Red Sea.

1) Read through the song found in Exodus 15:1-18. In what specific ways do the people praise God in this song? Which of His characteristics do they mention?

2) How did Miriam & the other women respond to the Red Sea crossing? Exodus 15:19-21

3) Consider the Red Sea crossing & the emotions it would have evoked in the Israelites. Can you think of a time of deliverance in your own life? How did you respond to the emotions?

\*\*\* Numbers 21:16-20 => The Israelites sing a song about the well at Beer.

4) The exact meaning of this song is difficult to understand. Here are a few questions to consider:

-Why are the princes & nobles digging the well instead of laborers?

-Why are they using scepters & staffs instead of shovels or some other tool to dig?

-Who provided water for the people? Exodus 21:16

\*\*\* Deuteronomy 32:1-43 => God gives Israel a song to sing.

5) What was the purpose of this song? What result was it intended to have for the people who sang it? Deuteronomy 31:16-22

6) Read the song from Deuteronomy 32:1-43 & use the following outline as a guide.

1-4, “Give ear”, heaven & earth are called as witnesses & God’s nature is described

5-6, “They have dealt corruptly with Him”, the initial accusation is made against Israel

7-14, “Remember the days of old”, Israel is told to remember God’s love & blessings

15-18, “But Jeshurun (Israel) grew fat”, Israel is specifically accused of idolatry & forgetting God

19-25, “The Lord saw it & spurned them”, Israel’s punishment is described

26-38, “For the Lord will vindicate His people”, God promises to have compassion on Israel

39-42, “I wound & I heal”, God again promises to deliver Israel

43, “Rejoice with Him, O heavens”, heaven & earth are called to worship God

7) Can you think of any songs we sing today that carry a similar message to portions of the song in Deuteronomy 32?

\*\*\*Revelation 15:2-4 => The song of Moses & the Lamb.

8) In Revelation 15:2-4, those who conquered sing the song of Moses & the Lamb. How does the message of this song relate to the song of deliverance in Exodus 15?

9) According to Ephesians 5:18-21 & Colossians 3:15-17, what are some of the things that should be in our hearts & minds when we sing?