

Exodus 15:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Analysis

The declaration 'The LORD is my strength and song' makes God both the power for victory and the subject of praise. The phrase 'he is become my salvation' uses 'yeshuah' (יְשׁוּעָה), meaning salvation/deliverance—root of Jesus' name. The personal pronouns shift from 'the LORD' (third person) to 'my God' (first person), showing intimate relationship. The resolve 'I will prepare him an habitation' anticipates the tabernacle. The phrase 'my father's God' connects present experience to patriarchal covenant.

Historical Context

This verse's promise to build God a dwelling would be fulfilled in chapters 25-40 with the tabernacle construction. It shows that experiencing salvation leads to desiring God's presence.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God as both your strength and your song affect your worship?
2. What 'habitation' are you preparing in your life for God's dwelling presence?

Interlinear Text

עֲזִי יִּ וְזִמְרָת יְהוָה לִי יְהוִה לִישׁוּעַ הַ **is my strength and song The LORD and he is become my salvation**
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הֵן אֵלֵי וְאֶנִּי הוּא אֱלֹהֵי יִ אָבִי יִ **he is my God and I will prepare him an habitation God my father's**
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וְאֶרְמָמְנָהוּ:
and I will exalt
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 12:2 (Salvation): Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Psalms 118:14 (Salvation): The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

Psalms 18:46 (Salvation): The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Psalms 59:17 (References God): Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

Isaiah 25:1 (References God): O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Psalms 99:9 (References God): Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalms 140:7 (Salvation): O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Psalms 34:3 (References Lord): O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Psalms 99:5 (References God): Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

Psalms 118:28 (References God): Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

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