# GCFSM SUNDAY BULLETIN

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#### **SPEAKER**

Rev. Mike Trinidad

#### **WORSHIP PROGRAM**

- Heart Preparation
  /Meditation
- Call to Worship
- Worship through Songs
- Worship through Giving
- Worship through the Word
- Communion
- Closing and Benediction
- Prayer Time

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Online Worship Service 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM

**Sunday School At Home** 10:30 AM

ONLINE PRAYER TIME Weekly Devotion and Prayer

every Wednesday 8:00-9:00 PM

### STEWARDSHIP

PERIOD: JULY 1-9, 2021

General Fund Missions

2,776,067.23 14,600.00

Net Giving Designated

2,790,667.23 0.00

\* +designated pledges and gifts are not part of the net giving.

# GCFSM-BACOOR

PERIOD: JULY 1-9, 2021

General Fund

30,600.00

For our guests, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. The offering is for those who consider GCF South Metro their home church.



# SING A SONG OF PRAISE!

EXODUS 15:1-21

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n the previous sermon, we were exhorted to stand firm during times of adversity. That is precisely what the Israelites did as they fled Egypt in haste after the Passover meal. The Lord showed His divine mercy upon His people as He passed over them during the night when the much dreaded tenth plague was inflicted on Egypt on the first born sons and livestock, which embodied the Lord's wrath and anger at the ruthless and stubborn Egyptians. As they departed hurriedly from Egypt, the Lord led them to what seemed like certain doom as they were commanded to go by the wilderness toward the Red Sea.

Amidst this grim scenario (where the Israelites faced a seeming

dead end), certain death loomed as Pharaoh relentlessly pursued the fleeing captives - the despondent Israelites. In their fear and surely certain horror, they must have been left downhearted and clueless about their grim prospect of survival as the dreaded Red Sea threatened to swallow them up in its bowels.

And yet, in a very assuring and calming way, the Lord fought for the Israelites and gave them victory over the charging Egyptians. They burst into song, and in vv. 1-2 we read, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. 2The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will exalt him."

Today, we will look at three (3) reasons why Moses and Miriam erupted in singing praises unto the LORD in verses 1b and 21:

I. THE LORD IS POWERFUL vv.1-6

II. THE LORD IS MAJESTIC vv. 7-11

III. THE LORD IS DELIVERER vv.12-18

In our own Red Sea experiences, may we, like Moses and Miriam, burst in singing our praises and thanksgiving to our powerful and majestic God, the God who delivers!



## PARSON TO PERSON

The word "worship" comes from an old English word which means to show honor and worth. In the Bible, there are a number of words that are translated worship. In Hebrew, it means "to bow down, to do homage". In Greek, it contains the idea of "showing reverence to God" and "to serve, or to minister". Worship then involves both attitude and action. When we worship God, we recognize His worth, rejoice in it, and act upon it to give Him honor and glory. That is the essence of worship! However, sometimes we forget what worship really means, and just refer to it as our "service" or "ministry" to the Lord. And that incomplete idea of worship is a serious problem which can destroy our inner being.

In one of my quiet times, the Lord reminded me through the book of Isaiah, that a "service only" kind of worship is unacceptable to Him. Let me share some of my insights.

Isaiah 5:1-7 contains a parable about the vineyard of the Lord. In this parable, the vineyard refers to the house of Israel, and the plants refer to the men of Judah (v.7). In the beginning of the passage, we can see the Lord's faithfulness to His vineyard from

# WARNING ABOUT "WILD GRAPE" WORSHIPPERS

#### REVIN VASALLO

the preparation until the production stage (vv.1-2). He made sure that the location, foundation, and selection of grapes are good. He even built a watchtower for protection and prepared a wine vat for production. However, despite everything the Lord did to His vineyard, it still yielded wild grapes (vv.3-4). And since these wild grapes are unacceptable, the Lord set it out for destruction (vv.5-6). The question is, "How did the well-prepared and selected plants turn out to be wild grapes?". To answer that, we must first ask, "What does this vineyard (Israel) look like?". And to understand the state of Israel during Isaiah's time, let us take a look at these passages:

"Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged." (Isa. 1:4)

"What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats." (Isa. 1:11)

The first passage describes Israel as a corrupt and sinful nation who had forsaken and despised the Lord. The

second one gives us an idea that Israel was still practicing sacrificial offerings. This gives us a picture that the Israelites were sinning against the Lord and serving Him at the same time! They were active worshippers, but God called them wild grapes!

We must realize that the sacrificial system introduced in Exodus during Moses' time is for the Israelites to be ritually cleansed. However, it seems that during Isaiah's time, people forgot or ignored the significance of sacrificing to the Lord. Their service to the Lord became a meaningless discipline. I believe that is the reason why God's chosen people turned out to be wild grapes. They worshipped wholeheartedly at first, made it a habit, ignored its significance in the long run, then it led them to become corrupt and sinful worshipers.

May this reminder serve as a warning for us not to become wild grape worshipers who serve God and sin against Him at the same time. Let us remember that worship includes the attitude of reverence and adoration, as well as the action of service and obedience - to a Holy God!

# WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Let us continue to be found faithful in our giving. You may deposit your tithes and offering to:

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY
Counselling Ministry
Every Saturday 1 1:30-3pm

