

- Song 149 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD

- "Praise Jehovah in Song": (10 min.)

15:1, 2, 11, 18, 20, 21

Music can have a powerful influence on the mind and body. Singing is an important part of our worship of Jehovah.



- Moses and the Israelites sang praises to Jehovah for their miraculous deliverance at the Red Sea



- King David assigned 4,000 men to serve as musicians and singers at the temple



- The night before Jesus died, he and his faithful apostles sang praises to Jehovah

What are some opportunities for me to sing praises to Jehovah?

Ex 15:1, 2—Moses and the men of Israel sang praises to Jehovah (w95 10/15 11 ¶11)

(Exodus 15:1, 2) At that time Moses and the Israelites sang this song to Jehovah: "Let me sing to Jehovah, for he has become highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. 2 My strength and my might is Jah, since he has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will praise him; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

*** w95 10/15 p. 11 par. 11 Why Fear the True God Now? ***

11 Jehovah's destruction of the Egyptian military forces exalted him in the eyes of his worshipers and made his name widely known. (Joshua 2:9, 10; 4:23, 24) Yes, his name was elevated above the powerless, false gods of Egypt, who proved unable to deliver their worshipers. Trust in their deities and in mortal man and military power led to bitter disappointment. (Psalm 146:3) No wonder the Israelites were moved to sing praises that

reflected wholesome fear of the living God, who mightily delivers his people!

- (Joshua 2:9, 10) She said to the men: “I do know that Jehovah will give you the land and that the fear of you has fallen upon us. All the inhabitants of the land are disheartened because of you, 10 for we heard how Jehovah dried up the waters of the Red Sea before you when you left Egypt and what you did to the two kings of the Am'or-ites, Si'hon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction on the other side of the Jordan.
- (Joshua 4:23, 24) when Jehovah your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before them until they had crossed it, just as Jehovah your God did to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we crossed it. 24 He did this so that all the peoples of the earth may know how mighty Jehovah's hand is and so that you may always fear Jehovah your God.”
- (Psalm 146:3) Do not put your trust in princes Nor in a son of man, who cannot bring salvation.

the gods is like you, O Jehovah? Who is like you, proving yourself mighty in holiness? The One to be feared with songs of praise, the One doing marvels.” (Exodus 15:11) Such sentiments have been echoed throughout the centuries since then. In the last book of the Bible, the apostle John describes a group of faithful anointed servants of God: “They are singing the song of Moses the slave of God and the song of the Lamb.” What is this great song? “Great and wonderful are your works, Jehovah God, the Almighty. Righteous and true are your ways, King of eternity. Who will not really fear you, Jehovah, and glorify your name, because you alone are loyal?”— Revelation 15:2-4.

16 So today too there are liberated worshipers who appreciate not only the creative handiworks of God but also his decrees. People from all nations have been spiritually liberated, separated from this polluted world because they recognize and put into practice the righteous decrees of God. Yearly, hundreds of thousands escape this corrupt world to dwell with the clean, upright organization of Jehovah's worshipers. Soon, after God's fiery judgments against false religion and the rest of this wicked system have been executed, they will live forever in a righteous new world.

Ex 15:11, 18—Jehovah deserves our praise (w95 10/15 11-12 ¶15-16)

(Exodus 15:11) Who among the gods is like you, O Jehovah? Who is like you, showing yourself mighty in holiness? The One to be feared with songs of praise, the One doing wonders.

(Exodus 15:18) Jehovah will rule as king forever and ever.

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Demonstrating Our Fear of God

15 Had we stood safely with Moses, we surely would have been moved to sing: “Who among

- (Exodus 15:11) Who among the gods is like you, O Jehovah? Who is like you, showing yourself mighty in holiness? The One to be feared with songs of praise, the One doing wonders.
- (Revelation 15:2-4) And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who are victorious over the wild beast and its image and the number of its name were standing by the sea of glass, holding harps of God. 3 They were singing the song of Moses the slave of God and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and wonderful are your works, Jehovah God, the Almighty. Righteous and true are your

ways, King of eternity. 4 Who will not really fear you, Jehovah, and glorify your name, for you alone are loyal? For all the nations will come and worship before you, because your righteous decrees have been revealed.”

Ex 15:20, 21—Miriam and the women of Israel sang praises to Jehovah (it-2 454 ¶1; 698)

(Exodus 15:20, 21) Then Mir'i-am the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her with tambourines and with dances. 21 Mir'i-am sang in response to the men: "Sing to Jehovah, for he has become highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea."

*** it-2 p. 454 Music ***

Much of the group singing in Israel appears to have been antiphonal, either two half choruses alternating in singing parallel lines, or a soloist and an answering chorus alternating. In the Scriptures this apparently is referred to as “responding.” (Ex 15:21; 1Sa 18:6, 7) This type of singing is indicated by the very way some of the psalms are written, such as Psalm 136. The description of the two large thanksgiving choirs in Nehemiah's time and of their part in the inauguration of the wall of Jerusalem implies that they sang in this style.—Ne 12:31, 38, 40-42; see SONG.

- (Exodus 15:21) Mir'i-am sang in response to the men: “Sing to Jehovah, for he has become highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.”
- (1 Samuel 18:6, 7) When David and the others would return from striking down the Phi-lis'tines, the women would come out from all the cities of Israel with song and dances to meet King Saul with tambourines, with rejoicing, and with lutes. 7 The women who were

celebrating would sing: “Saul has struck down his thousands, And David his tens of thousands.”

- (Psalm 136:1-26) Give thanks to Jehovah, for he is good; His loyal love endures forever. 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, For his loyal love endures forever. 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, For his loyal love endures forever. 4 He alone does great wonders, For his loyal love endures forever. 5 He skillfully made the heavens, For his loyal love endures forever. 6 He spread out the earth over the waters, For his loyal love endures forever. 7 He made the great lights, For his loyal love endures forever, 8 The sun to rule over the day, For his loyal love endures forever, 9 The moon and the stars to rule over the night, For his loyal love endures forever. 10 He struck down Egypt's firstborn, For his loyal love endures forever. 11 He brought Israel out from their midst, For his loyal love endures forever, 12 With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, For his loyal love endures forever. 13 He split the Red Sea in two, For his loyal love endures forever. 14 He caused Israel to pass through the middle of it, For his loyal love endures forever. 15 He shook off Phar'aoh and his army into the Red Sea, For his loyal love endures forever. 16 He led his people through the wilderness, For his loyal love endures forever. 17 He struck down great kings, For his loyal love endures forever. 18 He killed mighty kings, For his loyal love endures forever, 19 Si'hon the king of the Am'or-ites, For his loyal love endures forever, 20 And Og the king of Ba'shan, For his loyal love endures forever. 21 He gave their land as an inheritance, For his loyal love endures forever, 22 An inheritance to Israel his servant, For his loyal love endures forever. 23 He remembered us when we were low, For his loyal love endures

forever. 24 He kept rescuing us from our adversaries, For his loyal love endures forever. 25 He gives food to every living thing, For his loyal love endures forever. 26 Give thanks to the God of the heavens, For his loyal love endures forever.

- (Nehemiah 12:31) Then I brought the princes of Judah up on top of the wall. Further, I appointed two large thanksgiving choirs and processions, and the one walked to the right on the wall toward the Gate of the Ash Heaps.
- (Nehemiah 12:38) The other thanksgiving choir walked in the opposite direction, and I followed it with half of the people, on the wall up over the Tower of the Ovens and on to the Broad Wall
- (Nehemiah 12:40-42) At length the two thanksgiving choirs stood before the house of the true God; so did I and half of the deputy rulers with me, 41 and the priests E·li'a·kim, Ma·a·sei'ah, Mi·ni'a·min, Mi·cai'ah, Eli·o·e'nai, Zech·a·ri'ah, and Han·a·ni'ah, with the trumpets, 42 and Ma·a·sei'ah, She·mai'ah, El·e·a'zar, Uz'zi, Je·ho·ha'nan, Mal·chi'jah, E'lam, and E'zer. And the singers sang loudly under the oversight of Iz·ra·hi'ah.

*** it-2 p. 698 Prophetess ***

Miriam is the first woman designated a prophetess in the Bible. God evidently conveyed some message or messages through her, perhaps in inspired singing. (Ex 15:20, 21) Thus, she and Aaron are recorded as saying to Moses: "Is it not by us also that [Jehovah] has spoken?" (Nu 12:2) Jehovah himself, through the prophet Micah, spoke of having sent "Moses, Aaron and Miriam" before

the Israelites when bringing them up out of Egypt. (Mic 6:4) Though Miriam was privileged to be used as an instrument of divine communication, her relationship as such toward God was inferior to that of her brother Moses. When she failed to keep her proper place, she suffered severe chastisement from God.—Nu 12:1-15.

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- (Numbers 12:2) They were saying: "Is it only by Moses that Jehovah has spoken? Has he not also spoken through us?" And Jehovah was listening.
- (Micah 6:4) For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, From the house of slavery I redeemed you; I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Mir'i-am.
- (Numbers 12:1-15) Now Mir'i-am and Aaron began to speak against Moses because of the Cush'ite wife he had married, for he had taken a Cush'ite wife. 2 They were saying: "Is it only by Moses that Jehovah has spoken? Has he not also spoken through us?" And Jehovah was listening. 3 Now the man Moses was by far the meekest of all the men on the face of the earth. 4 Jehovah suddenly said to Moses and Aaron and Mir'i-am: "Go out, the three of you, to the tent of meeting." So the three of them went out. 5 And Jehovah came down in the pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Mir'i-am. Both of them went forward. 6 He then said: "Hear my words, please. If there was a prophet of Jehovah

among you, I would make myself known to him in a vision, and I would speak to him in a dream. 7 But it is not that way with my servant Moses! He is being entrusted with all my house. 8 Face-to-face I speak to him, openly, not by riddles; and the appearance of Jehovah is what he sees. Why, then, did you not fear to speak against my servant, against Moses?" 9 So Jehovah's anger burned against them, and he departed from them. 10 The cloud moved away from over the tent, and look! Mir'i-am was struck with leprosy as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Mir'i-am, and he saw that she was struck with leprosy. 11 Immediately Aaron said to Moses: "I beg you, my lord! Please do not hold this sin against us! We have acted foolishly in what we have done. 12 Please, do not let her continue like someone dead, whose flesh is half eaten away at birth!" 13 And Moses began to cry out to Jehovah, saying: "O God, please heal her! Please!" 14 Jehovah replied to Moses: "If her father would spit directly in her face, would she not be humiliated for seven days? Let her be quarantined for seven days outside the camp, and afterward she may be brought back in." 15 So Mir'i-am was quarantined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not break camp until Mir'i-am was brought back in.

Digging for Spiritual Gems:

Ex 16:13—Why might Jehovah have chosen quail to feed the Israelites in the wilderness? (w11 9/1 14)

(Exodus 16:13) 13 So that evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew was all around the camp.

*** w11 9/1 p. 14 Did You Know? ***

Why did God choose quail to feed the Israelites in the wilderness?

- Following the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt, God twice provided them with an abundance of meat in the form of quail.—Exodus 16:13; Numbers 11:31.

Quail are small birds, about 7 inches (18 cm) in length and weighing about 3.5 ounces (100 g). They breed in many parts of western Asia and Europe. Being migratory birds, they winter in North Africa and Arabia. During their seasonal passage, vast flocks traverse the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea and fly over the Sinai Peninsula.

According to The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible, quail "fly rapidly and well, and take advantage of the wind; but if the wind changes its course, or the birds become exhausted from long flight, the whole immense flock is apt to fall to the ground, where the birds lie stunned." Before continuing their migration, they have to rest on the ground for a day or two, thus becoming easy catch for hunters. In the early 20th century, Egypt was exporting some three million quail annually for food.

Both times that the Israelites fed on quail were in the spring. Although quail regularly flew over the Sinai area during that time, it was Jehovah who caused 'a wind to burst forth' to drive these birds into the Israelite encampment.—Numbers 11:31.

- (Exodus 16:13) So that evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew was all around the camp.
- (Numbers 11:31) Then a wind from Jehovah sprang up and began driving quail from the sea and causing them to fall around the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and they were about two cubits deep on the ground.
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Ex 16:32-34—Where was the jar of manna kept? (w06 1/15 31)

(Exodus 16:32-34) 32 Then Moses said: "This is what Jehovah has commanded, 'Fill an omer measure of it as something to be kept throughout your generations, so that they may see the bread that I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I was bringing you out of the land of Egypt.'" 33 So Moses said to Aaron: "Take a jar and put in it an omer measure of manna and deposit it before Jehovah as something to be kept throughout your generations." 34 Just as Jehovah commanded Moses, Aaron placed it before the Testimony so that it might be preserved.

omerful of manna and deposit it before Jehovah as something to be kept throughout your generations." The account states: "Just as Jehovah had commanded Moses, Aaron proceeded to deposit it before the Testimony [an archive for the safekeeping of important documents] as something to be kept." (Exodus 16:33, 34) While Aaron undoubtedly gathered manna into a jar at that time, the depositing of it before the Testimony had to wait until Moses made the Ark and placed the tablets in it.

- (Exodus 12:17, 18) "You must keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day, I will bring your multitudes out of the land of Egypt. And you must keep this day throughout your generations as a lasting statute. 18 In the first month, on the 14th day of the month, in the evening, you are to eat unleavened bread until the 21st day of the month, in the evening.
- (Exodus 16:1-5) After they departed from E'lim, the entire assembly of the Israelites eventually came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between E'lim and Si'nai, on the 15th day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt. 2 Then the entire assembly of the Israelites began to murmur against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The Israelites kept saying to them: "If only we had died by Jehovah's hand in the land of Egypt while we were sitting by the pots of meat, while we were eating bread to satisfaction. Now you have brought us out into this wilderness to put this whole congregation to death by famine." 4 Then Jehovah said to Moses: "Here I am raining down bread for you from the heavens, and each of the people should go out to gather his amount day by day, so that I may put them to the test to see whether they will walk in my law or not. 5 But on the sixth day when they prepare what they have gathered, it is to

*** w06 1/15 p. 31 Questions From Readers ***
 Shortly after their deliverance from Egypt, the Israelites began to murmur about food. So Jehovah provided manna for them. (Exodus 12:17, 18; 16:1-5) At that time, Moses instructed Aaron: "Take a jar and put in it an

be double the amount that they pick up on each of the other days.”

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What spiritual gems from this week’s Bible reading would you like to share regarding Jehovah God, the field ministry, or something else?

Bible Reading:) (4 min. or less) •

. Ex 16:1-18 (th study 10)

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meat, and in the morning you will be satisfied with bread, and you will certainly know that I am Jehovah your God.” 13 So that evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew was all around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew evaporated, there was a fine, flaky substance on the surface of the wilderness, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they began to say to one another, “What is it?” for they did not know what it was. Moses said to them: “It is the bread that Jehovah has given you for food. 16 This is what Jehovah has commanded, ‘Each one should gather it according to how much he can eat. You are to take an omer measure for each individual according to the number of the people that each of you has in his tent.’” 17 The Israelites began to do so; they gathered it, some gathering much and some gathering little. 18 When they would measure it by the omer, the one who had gathered much had no surplus and the one who had gathered little had no shortage. They each gathered it according to what they could eat.

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

• Initial Call Video: (4 min.) Discussion. Play the video, and then ask the audience: How did Linda make good use of questions? How did she make the scripture application clear?

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• Initial Call: (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Offer a publication from our Teaching Toolbox. (th study 3)

●○ INITIAL CALL

Question: Where can we find help to deal with grief?

Scripture: 2Co 1:3, 4

Link: What happens to someone who dies?

FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE TEACHING TOOLBOX:

- bhs 71 ¶4
 - (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4) 3 Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God.

• Initial Call: (5 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Then introduce and discuss (but do not play) the video What Happens at a Bible Study? (th study 9)

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LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

Song 81

• **“Praise Jehovah as a Pioneer”:** (15 min.) Discussion. Play the video **Three Sisters in Mongolia**. Interview a brother or a sister in the congregation who is currently serving as a pioneer or who has served as such in the past. Ask the following questions: **What challenges have you faced? What blessings have you enjoyed?**



The Israelites had remarkable reasons to praise Jehovah. He had brought them out of Egypt and had rescued them from Pharaoh’s army! (Ex 15:1, 2) Jehovah continues to show goodness to his people. How can we show our gratitude?—Ps 116:12.

One way is by serving as an auxiliary or a regular pioneer. You can pray for the desire and the power to serve as a pioneer. (Php 2:13) Many start first as an auxiliary pioneer. You may choose either a 30- or a 50-hour requirement during the months of March and April and during the month of the circuit overseer’s visit. After tasting the joy of serving as an auxiliary pioneer, you may want to reach out to serve as a regular pioneer. Even some

who work full-time or who have health limitations have been able to serve as regular pioneers. (mwb16.07 8) Most certainly, Jehovah is worthy of any effort we put forth to praise him!—1Ch 16:25.

WATCH THE VIDEO **THREE SISTERS IN MONGOLIA**, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:



- What challenges did the three sisters overcome to become pioneers?



- What blessings have they experienced?



• What avenues of service opened up as they served as regular pioneers?



• What effect has their example had on others?

What challenges have you faced?

What blessings have you enjoyed?

Congregation Bible Study: (30 min.)

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CHAPTER 127

Tried by the Sanhedrin, Then On to Pilate

(Matthew 27:1-11) When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people consulted together against Jesus to put him to death. 2 After binding him, they led him off and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. 3 Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, felt remorse and brought the 30 pieces of silver back to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying: "I sinned when I betrayed innocent blood." They said: "What is that to us? You must see to it!" 5 So he threw the silver pieces into the temple and departed. Then he went off and hanged himself. 6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said: "It is not lawful to put them into the sacred treasury, because they are the price of blood." 7 After consulting together, they used the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. 8 Therefore, that field has been called Field of Blood to this very day. 9 Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "And they took the 30 silver pieces, the price that was set on the man, the one on whom a price was set by some of the sons of Israel, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, according to what Jehovah had commanded me." 11 Jesus now stood before the governor, and the governor put the question to him: "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied: "You yourself say it."

(Mark 15:1) Immediately at dawn, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, indeed, the whole San'he-drin, consulted together, and they bound Jesus and led him off and handed him over to Pilate.

(Luke 22:66-23:3) And when it became day, the assembly of elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they led him into their San'he-drin hall and said: 67 "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he

said to them: "Even if I told you, you would not believe it at all. 68 Moreover, if I questioned you, you would not answer. 69 However, from now on the Son of man will be seated at the powerful right hand of God." 70 At this they all said: "Are you, therefore, the Son of God?" He said to them: "You yourselves are saying that I am." 71 They said: "Why do we need further testimony? For we ourselves have heard it out of his own mouth."

23 So the multitude got up, one and all, and led him to Pilate. 2 Then they began to accuse him, saying: "We found this man subverting our nation, forbidding the paying of taxes to Caesar, and saying he himself is Christ a king." 3 Now Pilate asked him the question: "Are you the King of the Jews?" In answer he said: "You yourself are saying it."

(John 18:28-35) Then they led Jesus from Ca'ia-phas to the governor's residence. It was now early in the morning. But they themselves did not enter into the governor's residence, so that they would not get defiled but could eat the Passover. 29 So Pilate came outside to them and said: "What accusation do you bring against this man?" 30 They answered him: "If this man were not a wrongdoer, we would not have handed him over to you." 31 So Pilate said to them: "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews said to him: "It is not lawful for us to kill anyone." 32 This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to indicate what sort of death he was about to die. 33 So Pilate entered the governor's residence again and called Jesus and said to him: "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered: "Are you asking this of your own originality, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What did you do?"

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(Daniel 7:13) "I kept watching in the visions of the night, and look! with the clouds of the heavens, someone like a son of man was coming; and he gained access to the Ancient

of Days, and they brought him up close before that One.

(Luke 22:67-69) "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them: "Even if I told you, you would not believe it at all. 68 Moreover, if I questioned you, you would not answer. 69 However, from now on the Son of man will be seated at the powerful right hand of God."

(Matthew 26:63) But Jesus kept silent. So the high priest said to him: "I put you under oath by the living God to tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God!"

Paragraph 3 on Page 290

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(Mark 14:64) You heard the blasphemy. What is your decision?" They all condemned him as deserving of death.

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(Matthew 27:4) saying: "I sinned when I betrayed innocent blood." They said: "What is that to us? You must see to it!"

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(Acts 1:17, 18) For he had been numbered among us and he obtained a share in this ministry. 18 (This very man, therefore, purchased a field with the wages for unrighteousness, and falling headfirst, his body burst open and all his insides spilled out.

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THE FIELD OF BLOOD

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◇ Why does the Sanhedrin reconvene in the morning?

◇ How does Judas die, and what happens to the 30 pieces of silver?

◇ On what charges do the Jews want Pilate to have Jesus killed?

· Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)

- Song 16 and Prayer