## Knowing Me, Knowing You - Exodus

"... Knowing me, knowing you (ah-haa), there is nothing we can do. Knowing me, knowing you (ah-Haa), we just have to face it, this time we're through. Breaking up is never easy, I know but I have to go. Knowing me, knowing you, it is the best I can do..." This is extracted from the chorus sung by ABBA of the song, "Knowing Me Knowing You".

No, no, no. The song is so sad and I am not referring to it. Through learning more about Exodus for the Martin Shield, it certainly helps to know more about God, families and ourselves in the process. The book of Exodus is not just a narration of the stories that happened many centuries ago. It reveals the power of God in all times and at all times.

We applaud the winners, Team Manna, of the Martin Shield and encourage all of you to continue to know God through studying of God's Word, prayers and fellowship.

Exodus is one of the five books of the Old Testament. Of course, Moses was a key character in the chapters of Exodus. God showed Moses that He is the Maker and decision-maker of all things and circumstances whether we know about it or not. Moses penned everything that the Lord has said. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt because he believed in God to carry out God's promises.

Illustrations, symbols, miracles and objects were used to show God's mighty reign even when the Israelites were slaves under the rule of the Egyptians and after the Israelites crossed the Red Sea. Did you notice God's approach when he revealed himself through several ways in Exodus? It was beyond the burning bush and parting of the Red Sea. God did to make sure that the Israelites understood His intentions through Mosses actions.

Moses walked closely with God every step of the way even when the Israelites complained most of the time. He interceded for them with God for water, food and protection.

How beautiful is the victory of God! Listen to the song from Moses and Miriam. Ex15:1-18.

"Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord. They sang because he had defeated their enemy in a wonderful way.

I will praise the Lord as I sing. I will praise him because he is great! The horses and their riders, he threw them into the sea. The Lord is my strength. He is the reason for my song. He has saved me! He is my God and I will praise him. He is my father's God. And I will sing about how great he is. The Lord fights wars. The Lord is his name. He threw Pharaoh's chariots and the Pharaoh's army into the sea. He has drowned Pharaoh's best officers in the Red Sea. The deep waters covered them and they sank down like a stone.

Your right hand, Lord has wonderful power. And with your right hand, you broke the enemy into pieces. With your great, royal power, you defeated those who opposed you. Your anger is as fierce as fire. So it burned them completely, like a fire burns straw. You were so angry that your powerful breath caused the water to stand up in a pile. The waves stood up like a wall. The deepest part of the sea became solid. Your enemy was very proud. I will pursue them. I will catch them. I will divide their goods with my people. I will take everything that I want from them. Then we will use our swords to kill them, the enemy said. But you blew with your powerful wind and the sea covered them. They sank in the water like heavy metal.

The Lord, no false gods compare with you. You are the great King and you are holy. People are afraid of you. And they respect you as you shine in wonderful light. You do wonderful acts. You reached out your right hand and the earth swallowed the Egyptians. Your great love never fails. So you will lead the people whom you have freed. You will guide them with your strength to the holy place where you lived. The nations will hear about this, and they will tremble. The Philistines will shake with fear and with great mental pain. The chiefs in the country called Edom will be very afraid. The leaders in the country called Moab will tremble with fear. The people in the country called Canaan will run away because terrible fear will seize them. Your great power will cause them to be as still as a stone. Then your people can pass by, Lord. The people, whom you saved, will pass by. You will bring your people to live on the mountain that you gave them. Lord, you have made that place your home, and you, Lord, has established your holy place. Our Lord will rule for all time."

Knowing me, knowing you! Know yourself and your relationship with God. God knows you even before we were borned. The learning about God continues through Jesus!

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