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"Where is He who set His Holy Spirit among them, who sent His glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for Himself everlasting renown, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble; like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the Lord. This is how You guided Your people to make for Yourself a glorious name" (Isa. 63:11b-14).

When the people of God were experiencing the Lord's manifest presence, it was a time of great power and awesome deeds from the Lord's hand. Moses and the time of the Exodus was always the prime example of this for the people of Judah. The Israelites passing through the waters of the Red Sea was a continual reminder of God's great power employed on their behalf. His presence was clearly with them, and provided for them, even in the midst of difficult times.

It is easy for us to miss the main point of this passage, and the story of the Exodus. It was not primarily about Israel or Moses . . . it was about God and His power and grace. Isaiah points this out twice in this passage. The miracles of God on behalf of Israel were done: "to gain for Himself everlasting renown," and "to make for Yourself a glorious name." As we seek the Lord's presence and the joy of revival, it is vital that we remember this is not for us to just have a good time in the Lord. It is all about Christ receiving even greater glory and honor as He blesses His people with His presence.

Lord Jesus, how we long to see You receive honor and glory among the nations. Do a mighty work within us so that Your name will be glorified. We do not seek to be recognized. Instead, we want You to be celebrated! Show us ways that we can continually point others to You.

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