

Today's Message: "God The Father: Salvation Underestimating Christmas"

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. ² The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³ The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name." (Exodus 15:1-3, ESV)

El Yeshuatenu = God our [salvation](#), refuge, protector, deliverer.

⁴ *Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!*

⁵ *Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.*

⁶ *God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land...*

¹⁸ *You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there.*

¹⁹ *Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is my salvation.*

²⁰ *Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death. (Psalm 68:4-6, 18-20, ESV)*

Rebellion is like a drought, and we find ourselves there when we [run](#), [push](#), or [drift](#) away from God.

As much as we'd like it to be faithfulness, [rebellion](#) is our default.

While we figure out every possible way to [rebel](#), God figures out one possible way to save.

"The liberator becomes a pleading child in our world... his rule means life, not death; peace, not war; freedom, not oppression. This sovereignty lies on the defenseless, innocent and hopeful shoulders of this child." - Jurgen Moltmann

Instead of leaving the rebellious to dwell in a parched land, God our salvation [descends](#), dwells "even among the rebellious" and calls a [Christmas truce](#). (see also Ephesians 4:7-9, Colossians 1:19-22, 2 Cor. 5:17-21)

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