

THE SONGS WE SING...

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Psalm 96:1-6 “O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.”

DISCUSSION: SINGING IS ONE OF OUR ACTS OF WORSHIP (STUDY THE WORD; PRAYERS; SINGING; LORD’S SUPPER AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS).

I. WHY IS SINGING TO BE A PART OF OUR WORSHIP? IT IS COMMANDED.

- A. **Hebrews 2:12.**
- B. **Ephesians 5:19.**
- C. **Colossians 3:16-17.**
- D. Singing is a special time when we praise God and fellowship in songs.

II. WHY “STUDY” SONGS WE SING?

- A. We are to sing to God (worship) (**Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19**) “in truth” – **John 4:19-24.**
- B. We are to be “speaking to yourselves” (**Ephesians 5:19**) and “teaching and admonishing one another” (**Colossians 3:16**).
- C. We must “sing with the understanding” (**1 Corinthians 14:15-16**) (cf. **Psalm 47:7**).
- D. Beware of passing time in worship with no understanding.
- E. There are God given principles attached to our worship.
 - 1. To be pleasing to God these principles must be observed.
 - 2. Nadab and Abihu did not follow the Lord’s worship principle (**Leviticus 10:1**).

III. WHEN DO THESE PRINCIPLES APPLY?

- A. **Psalm 100.**
 - 1. As we worship, we come before God in a special way.
 - 2. Worship is a special time.
- B. In our assemblies as we worship God (**Colossians 3:16-17; Ephesians 5:19**).
- C. During trying times: Paul and Silas in prison (**Acts 16:25**).
- D. When we are happy (**James 5:13**).
- E. All of the time!

IV. SOME EXAMPLES...

- A. #59 ***Break thou the bread of life:*** When should this song be sung?
 - 1. **John 6:35-51 (READ Vss. 49-51).**
 - 2. **Note** the second stanza: “Bless thou the truth dear Lord, To me to me, As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee, ***THEN*** shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, My All in all.” *Through His word we find the avenue to forgiveness.*

- B. #444 – Has your heart been cleansed of its “dross”?**
1. Dross: unwanted material that is removed from a mineral (such as gold) to make it better.
 2. **Proverbs 25:4; Ezekiel 22:18-19.**
- C. #452 – What is a “night with ebon pinion, brooded o’er the vale”?**
1. “Ebon pinion” = Dark [ebon] bird’s wing [Pinion]. It was a dark and somber time as though a black bird was hovering [“brooded”].
 2. **Luke 22:44.**
- D. #500 – Have you raised your “Ebenezer”?**
1. Ebenezer: Ebenezer comes from the Hebrew words “Eben hà-ezer” (eh’-ben haw-e’-zer), which mean “stone of help.”
 2. “Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I’ve come.”
 - 1) An Ebenezer, then, is simply a monumental stone set up to signify the great help that God granted.
 - 2) **1 Samuel 7:12.**
- E. #585 – What is meant by “take to arm you for the fight, the panoply” of God?**
1. *Panoplia* (pan - “all” – hoplo - “weapons.”) The whole armor provided by God.
 2. **Eph. 6:13.** Whole armor = panoplia - **Thayer Definition:** full armour.
 3. “Leave no UNGARDED place, no weakness of the soul” (**Rom. 13:14**).
- F. #572 – What does it mean that “we have heard the Macedonian call”?**
1. Referencing Paul’s call in **Acts 16:6-10 (Vs. 9).**
 2. The commission to preach in Macedonia.
 3. A productive missionary journey. Conversion of Lydia (**Acts 16:11-15**); the jailor (**Acts 16:25-34**); the Thessalonians (**Acts 17:1-9**); in Berea (**Acts 17:10-15**); in Athens (**Acts 17:34**); then on to Corinth (**Acts 18:1-17**).

V. CONCLUSION:

- A. Our study is designed to bring to mind the privilege and manner of singing praises to the Lord.**
- B. We will define any unknown or unusual words in the song.**
- C. Discuss what the song teaches (thus understand what we are teaching).**