

Make A Joyful Noise Psalm 100

Psalmist Encourages Singing

Calls for joy, praise, thanksgiving

Acknowledgment of blessings, faithfulness and power

We ought to sing - Everyday life; In worship

Common in ancient worship - **Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26**

Singing sows in our heart and in those who hear us

Mechanics Of Singing

The "four part harmony" that we use is not essential in our singing.

Was not used in NT days, although it's evident there were arrangements for playing instruments of music as far back as David maybe before.

Multiple parts were not used until about 1000 to 1300 AD. Songs were learned by rote (memory).

No real notation til about 1300 AD. (Lessons in Musical History, John Fillmore, 1888)

What is important is we sing because is commanded by God and we sing in an acceptable manner.

From The Heart

"Melody" is translated from Greek word "Psallo" - **Ephesians 5:19**

To twitch, twang, to play a stringed instrument with fingers, and hence, in Sept., to sing with a harp, sing psalms, denotes, in NT, to sing a hymn, sing praise; in Eph 5:19, "making melody" (Vine's)

It is from this word that instrumental music is defended, but notice the passage tells us what is to be plucked or twanged. It is the heart "strings" that are to be tugged

Singing must touch heart (mind). - **Colossians 3:16**

This word in no way justifies the use of instrumental music in our worship to God. If did each would have to play their own instrument

Directed To Deity & One Another

Praises to God - **Romans 15:9; Hebrews 2:12; Acts 16:25**

Though they were in prison, falsely accused, and beaten they could still praise God in song

Not only in the assembly- **James 5:13**

Ephesians 5:19 and **Colossians 3:16** show singing is "to the Lord"

So, it is God we are striving to please and not man.

We are to teach and admonish one another in singing

"addressing one another" **Ephesians 5:19**; "teaching and admonishing one another" **Colossians 3:16**

"the prisoners were listening to them" **Acts 16:25**

Spirit And Understanding

1Corinthians 14:15

Singing with the "spirit" involves:

Vine's (f) the sentient (experiencing sensation and feeling) element in man, that by which he perceives, reflects, feels, desires.

Idea of spirit in passage dealing with part of mind controls feelings

Paul instructed to be "filled with Spirit" & "let word dwell richly" - **Ephesians 5:18-21; Colossians 3:12-17**

Singing with the understanding involves:

Also translated "mind" means seat of reflective consciousness comprising the faculties of perception and understanding, the faculty of knowing, the seat of the understanding.

Involves a different part of mind in each instance. Involves rationality and feelings and emotions.

"Understanding" suggest we know meaning of words we sing, but just because one does not know the exact meaning of a word in a song, does not mean it would be wrong for them to sing that song, if they understood the general meaning behind words of the song

Singing As Worship

Purpose, Meaning Of Words We Sing, & Feelings From Heart Makes Singing Worship To God

Regardless of how well or poorly sing it may not be worship or acceptable to God

Singing is important part of worship and child of God should do best but "best" is not altogether concerned with "mechanics" of music.

Song leaders consider songs you choose as to value in praising God and teaching other Christians and not just leading favorite songs.

What Kinds Of Songs Should We Sing?

Psalms - From same word as "melody" which denotes striking or twitching with fingers (on musical strings), but remember instrument is specified and word is also used to denote words that are set to music such as "Psalms" of David - **Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; James 5:13**

Hymns - Which denotes a song of praise addressed to God - **Matthew 26:30**

Spiritual Songs - Word for song is generic, therefore spiritual qualifies type songs should be sung; songs pertaining to things revealed by the Spirit.

Singing is vital to our service to God because are taught and admonished by songs we sing and by this medium we are taught to praise God.

Make A Joyful Noise!

Are we singing with spirit and understanding. If not singing at all, you are in error and need to repent, because it is a command of God.

Obviously, if physically impossible for one to sing, God does not require it, but otherwise He does.

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