



WHY DO WE SING?

Singing and music are normative practices all throughout Scripture. God desires that His people sing, and worshipping Him through song plays an important role in the life of believers. The book of Psalms (a song book) accounts for 7 percent of the Old Testament. Moses, David, Asaph, Solomon, and others wrote songs recorded in the Scripture. Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn during the Last Supper. And Paul instructed churches regarding the use of music during their services. Singing matters...but why? Below are some biblical reasons as to why we sing...

SINGING IS AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE. The believer is not just encouraged to sing, but commanded by God to do so (Col 3:16; Eph. 5:18-19).

SINGING ROOTS GOD'S WORD IN US. In Colossians 3:16, the Apostle Paul exhorts the church to "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly", and the two main ways this takes place are teaching and singing.

SINGING EDIFIES. We are to build each other up: forgive one another, put on love, be peacemakers, and teach one another God's Word (Col. 3:13-16). Along with those exhortations, we are to "address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..." (v. 16)

SINGING BEARS WITNESS. In Psalm 105:1-2, the Israelites were called to "Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works."

SINGING STRENGTHENS. When unjustly imprisoned, Paul and Silas sang to God while their feet were fastened to the stocks (Acts 16:25). We can sing even when enduring various trials.

SINGING STIRS JOY. Often linked together, singing and joy are evident in the Scriptures. James 5:13 says, "Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise." Other passages include Psalm 5:11; 9:2; 59:16; 63:7.

SINGING GLORIFIES GOD. The reasons listed above can be summarized in the believer's ultimate goal: To glorify God. In Revelation 7:9-11, a great multitude is singing before the Lamb of God, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Why do we sing? The grace of God in Christ Jesus makes it possible for the us to rejoice in His finished work on the cross. For that, we **get** to sing now. And we **will** sing forever.