

# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

October 30, 2022

## The Mission of the Church - Lesson 6 Worship (Part 3): Why Should We Sing?

We continue looking at the concept of **Worship** in scripture as part of our ongoing series on the Mission of the Church. In the last two lessons, we have considered the following questions related to worship: (1) Who do we worship? (2) What is worship? (3) Why do we worship? (4) How do we worship? We now move into looking at some of the specific acts of worship addressed in scripture. Today the sermon will be presented around our song service as we consider the question: **Why Should We Sing?**

### 1: D\_\_\_\_\_ - We Are Commanded to Sing

Singing isn't an option in scripture. It's a command. Today's society, and even modern church culture, doesn't like to think about "commands" or "rules," but we can't deny that God's Word tells us to sing! This is the will of God! (**Psalm 9:11; 100:1-2; 149:1; Ephesians 5:18-21; Colossians 3:12-17**).

### 2: D\_\_\_\_\_ - We Owe God Thanks and Praise

Not only has God commanded us to sing, but he has also saved us from certain death by sacrificing himself! He has given us the confident hope of eternity in heaven! This means we owe Him praise and thanks. One of the ways we do this is in singing praises! (**2 Samuel 22:50; Psalm 18:49; 21:13; 57:9; Isaiah 12:5; Colossians 3:15-17**)

### 3: D\_\_\_\_\_ - We Are Filled with the Word of God

Singing praises to God is a sign that we have chosen to fill our lives with His Spirit and His Word rather than other things in life (**Ephesians 5:18-19**). In **Colossians 3:16**, Paul lays out this exhortation to let God's Word dwell in us richly, and then, he tells us how to live out that command. The first, of course, is teaching. But the second, is singing! Our singing is more than a warm-up for the sermon or a filler in the service. Singing stands alongside teaching as one of the two great ways that God has ordained for his Word to dwell richly in each one of us!

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*"Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations. For the Lord will judge His people, and He will have compassion on all His servants."*

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#### 4: D\_\_\_\_\_ - When We Sing, We Build Other Up

We build up fellow believers when we sing. In **Ephesians 5:19** Paul says: "Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..."

We see the same thing in **Colossians 3:13-16**: the exhortation to sing comes on the heels of bearing with one another (13a), forgiving one another (13b), putting on love (14), being at peace as one united body of Christ (15), and teaching God's Word to one another (16). When we sing together as a church family, we are hearing testimonies of faith all around!

#### 5: D\_\_\_\_\_ - We Are Spiritually Strengthened for Trial

Maybe we only think of singing when we're happy and times are good, but singing that brings strength for trial comes out in **Acts 16**. Paul and Silas are unjustly imprisoned for the sake of the Gospel, and what do they do while they're in prison? They sing! (**Acts 16:25**)

#### 6: D\_\_\_\_\_ - We Follow a God-Designed Pathway to Joy

What we see in the world today is the opposite of being delighted or filled with joy. The world is full of anger, hate, malice, and complaining. It is so easy to get caught up in this.

How do we turn our focus to joy? One way that God prescribes throughout scripture is to sing! Consider a sample of what the Psalms say about singing and joy (**Psalms 5:11; 63:7; 95:1**). James said "Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise" (**James 5:13**). As you study Scripture on this point, you'll notice that sometimes singing gives birth to joy and sometimes joy gives birth to singing. But persistently in scripture, joy, and singing are bound together. If you struggle for joy...sing! If you are joyful...sing! In God's perfect design and understanding of the human condition, he has bound joy and singing together for his people.

#### PRAYER LIST

- **Judy Cook** is in Centennial Hospital with pneumonia and a heart condition
- We rejoice with **Kristine Garrett** as her lab results continue to look good
- **Mike Smith** is recovering from heart surgery
- Elizabeth's grandmother **Carol Saling** has cancer
- **Bill Gillock** is still dealing with Parkinson's and the effects of a stroke
- **Maria Hunter Harrington** has breast cancer
- **Forshia Pennington, Carolyn Pennington** and **Judy Grissom**, relatives of the Reeds, have breast cancer. **Vicki Reed** has been diagnosed with Myeloma as well
- **Donna Rawls Head** has cancer
- Continue to pray for: those in **Ukraine**; the **Brown** family, **Kim Waller, Delores Coleman**, the **Krantz** family, **John Hayes, Nick Phifer, Gaynell Walker, Rosemary Douglas, Isabel Johnson**, and **Jim Sims**

#### SERVING TODAY (October 30, 2022)

##### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Read:** J. Buchanan  
**Prayer:** M. Reed

##### WORSHIP

**Read:** J. Gupton  
**Wait On Table:** J. Baker  
**Serve:** C. Baker, J. Demonbreun  
**Prayer:** R. Mayo