

why we sing so much

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY June 2, 2021

“HE HAS PUT A NEW SONG IN MY MOUTH”

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Who in your house likes to sing out loud by themselves the most?
2. Name as many different kinds of music as you can think, such as
Classical
Country
3. What is your favorite Christian song?

SONG PUZZLE

Figure out the missing words from these song titles and find them on the puzzle on the whiteboard.

God of _____

_____ Assurance

Christ the Sure and Steady _____

_____ Grace

Rock of _____

Trust and _____

_____, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

CHRISTIANS ARE ALWAYS SINGING

- Those who are not Christians sometimes comment how strange it is that Christians sing so much when they get together.
- Many people almost never sing in groups anymore.
- Singing is a very important part of Christian worship, and it can be a very helpful part of the life of each Christian.
- Tonight we'll talk about why we sing so much.

“HYMN”

- The word “hymn” comes from a Greek word, *hymnos*, meaning a song of praise.
- It is not related to the word “him” or even “hum.”

HYMN SING



WE SING BECAUSE WE ARE GRATEFUL TO JESUS

- The Psalms are filled with songs of thanks and expressions of joy for God giving deliverance.
 - Read **Psalms 40:1-3**
 - David almost died in some tragedy. He felt like he was stuck in a pit.
 - But God delivered him, and David wrote this song as part of his thanks.
- If you know the Jesus as your Savior, you have experienced the greatest kind of deliverance known to humanity, deliverance from sin and eternal death.

WE SING BECAUSE IT BRINGS JOY TO US & GOD

- Music is one of God's gifts to humanity for adding joy and pleasure in life.
- As believers we have not only the common joys of life to sing about but also the special joys of knowing God.
 - Read **Psalms 33:1-3**
 - These verses command our joy, but not in an angry way
 - These commands are more like reminders.
- Our worship brings joy to God as well!
Psal 149:1-4

WE SING BECAUSE IT TEACHES US ABOUT GOD

- Good Christian songs touch our emotions and fill up our minds.
 - Read **Ephesians 5:19-20**
 - Singing to God has a way of redirecting our attention toward the Lord and away from the sinful things of the world.
 - By doing it together, we encourage each other that we share something in common together—the Lord Jesus.
 - Read **Colossians 3:16-17**.
 - One of the ways to give God's word a central part in our hearts is through singing about it.
 - Our songs also can teach us Christian truths.
 - There may be songs you sing at church that you may not totally understand now. But sometimes your mind opens up to understand what is meant, and you can learn a lot.
 - Because songs teach us as well as inspire, it's important that we use good songs with solid lyrics.

Ephesians and Colossians were both written by the Apostle Paul at around the same time, AD 61, when he was a prisoner. The books share many lines in common.

WE SING BECAUSE IT CONNECTS US TO HEAVEN

- Sometimes the Bible gives us glimpses of what is taking place in heaven.
- Often what is revealed is that there are great periods of praise.
 - Read **Isaiah 6:1-4**
 - Isaiah sees a vision of God in his heavenly temple where angels constantly worshipping him.
 - Isaiah is scared that he doesn't belong there, but he is encouraged that God has forgiven him.
 - Read **Revelation 4:5-11**
 - John sees a vision of God in his heavenly temple where angels constantly are worshipping him.
 - The words are similar but not the same as in Isaiah.
 - Worship in heaven is constant but it isn't monotonous.
 - There is variety and constant enjoyment.
 - Revelation 5:9; 14:3; 15:3
- When we sing together in worship,
 - we are doing on earth something that is happening in heaven;
 - and we are preparing ourselves for the one of the things we will do throughout eternity.