



**A SAMPLING OF THE AMAZING WAYS GOD HAS USED EMPOWERED SONGS
TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES**

- ⌘ God used music when He created the world
Job 38:4-7
- ⌘ God gives Moses a song or prophecy for Israel's entrance and future in the Promised Land
Deuteronomy 31:19-22, 32:1-44
- ⌘ God instructs Joshua to bring down the walled city of Jericho with music
Joshua 6:2-5
- ⌘ A demonic spirit is removed with music
1 Samuel 16:14-16, 23
- ⌘ God makes Solomon the wisest man on earth. One evidence of God's wisdom is the writing of songs
1 Kings 4:29-34
- ⌘ God gave David detailed instructions for the temple, including priests assigned to prophecy with musical instruments
1 Chronicles 28:12-13
12 He [David] gave him [Solomon] the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the LORD and all the surrounding rooms... instructions for the divisions of the priests and Levites, and for all the work of serving in the temple of the LORD... 19 "All this," David said, "I have in writing from the hand of the LORD upon me, and he gave me understanding in all the details of the plan."

1 Chronicles 23:5

5 Four thousand are to be gatekeepers and four thousand are to praise the LORD with the musical instruments I have provided for that purpose."

1 Chronicles 25:1-7

1 David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some .. for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals. ... The sons of Asaph were under the supervision of Asaph, who prophesied under the king's supervision. 3 As for Jeduthun, from his sons: ... under the supervision of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied, using the harp in thanking and praising the LORD. ... sons of Heman the king's seer. They were given him through the promises of God to exalt him. God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 All these men were under the supervision of their fathers for the music of the temple of the LORD, with cymbals, lyres and harps, for the ministry at the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman were under the supervision of the king. 7 Along with their relatives--all of them trained and skilled in music for the LORD--they numbered 288.

- ⌘ An army of 3 nations is miraculously defeated as praises are sung

2 Chronicles 20:21-23

21 After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever." 22 As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. 23 The men of Ammon and Moab rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. 24 When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped.

- ⌘ A Psalm and a Prophet link singing with the warfare against God's enemies

Psalm 149

5 Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds. 6 May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands, ...to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all his saints. Praise the LORD.

Isaiah 30:31-32

31 The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria; with his scepter he will strike them down. 32 Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing rod will be to the music of tambourines and harps, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm.

- ⌘ God sings over us

Zephaniah 3:17

17 The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

- ⌘ Missionaries are miraculously released from prison as they sing praises
Acts 16:24-26
24 Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.
- ⌘ The glimpses into heaven in the Revelation suggest that heaven is filled with song
Revelation 5:8-9, Revelation 14:2-3, Revelation 15:2-3

THE NEW TESTAMENT CONNECTS SINGING WITH THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

- ⌘ **Sing in your natural language and sing in your spiritual language**
1 Corinthians 14:12-15
Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church. 13 For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.
- ⌘ **Incorporate singing in being filled with the Spirit**
Ephesians 5:18-21 New American Standard Bible
...be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

- note that "spiritual songs" [Greek: *hoday pneumatikais*] is same word for "spiritual" as in 1 Corinthians 14 for gifts of the Holy Spirit. "We are again faced with Paul's very natural and affirming reference to a practical, prayerful or worshipful employment of speaking with tongues in the private devotional life of a believer" (Jack Hayford)
- **Singing is to be part of the life of the body of Christ as we grow together in Him**
Colossians 3:15-17
15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

From the creation to the consummation of His Kingdom, God has incorporated song into his mighty works. He has uniquely gifted mankind, made in His image, with the ability to create new songs of praise that not only bring glorious worship to Him, but that invite His kingdom reign into our world destroying the works of the enemy and releasing the flow of His goodness into the earth. In this knowledge, let us sing!

Psalms 105:1-4

*1 Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.*

*2 Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.*

*3 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

*4 Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.*



By Him ... Through us ... For Him