

Our Worship in Song

(Psalm 100)

Introduction:

1. Sometimes we put greater emphasis on one act of worship than we do the others.
2. Many times singing is done with a half-hearted, unthoughtful process.
3. This lesson seeks to examine singing and to emphasize the importance of worshipping our God through song.

I. The Importance of Whole-Heartedness

- A. God is the source of our thanksgiving and praise (Psalm 40:1-3).
- B. Singing is the response of a grateful heart (James 5:13).
- C. (John 4:24)
 1. We must sing scripturally (1 Peter 4:11)
- D. Through singing we teach each other (Colossians 3:16)

II. The Importance of Understanding

- A. (1 Corinthians 14:15)
- B. (Psalm 47:7)
- C. We need to know the meaning of the words we sing:
 1. "Ebenezer", "panoply of God", "ebon pinion", "zephyrs", "bower bloom" and many more.
- D. Many times if we do not understand the sermon, we search, we question, but when it comes to singing we accept the things as being so.
- E. Songs that we sing need to be faithful to God.
 1. We worship in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24).
 2. "What a Savior"
 - a. "They searched through Heaven and found a Savior"
 3. "Jesus is coming soon"
 - a. "When these signs come to pass" – What signs?
 - b. What if the text of that song was used as a sermon?

III. The Importance of the Song Leader

- A. The song leader has great importance to the singing of a congregation.
- B. For many, it is not taken serious enough:
 1. The songs are never prepared.
 2. The songs are never practiced.
 3. The songs are not known.
- C. Many times the preacher is expected to prepare, but the song leader is never required.
 1. What lesson is the song leader teaching us in the songs we sing?
- D. The songs need to be appropriate:
 1. "Ready to suffer" probably should not be sung before the sermon.
 2. "O Why Not Tonight" probably should not be sung in the morning.

Conclusion:

1. Singing is of great importance in the Word of God.
2. Do we take it as seriously as we should?
3. "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live..." (Psalms 104:33)

“The Way We Might Sometimes Sing Some Well-Known Hymns If We Were Being Honest”
(Author Unknown)

I Surrender All might become I Surrender Some

Fill My Cup Lord might become Fill MY Spoon, Lord

Oh, How I Love Jesus might become Oh, How I Like Jesus

He’s All To Me might become He’s Quite A Bit To Me

I Love To Tell The Story might become I Love To Talk About Telling The Story

Take My Life and Let It Be might become Take My Life and Let Me Be

There is Sunshine In My Soul Today might become
There is Scattered Cloudiness In My Soul Today

Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow might become
Where He Leads Me, I Will Consider Following

Just As I Am might become Just As I Pretend To Be