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For Today

What Happens When We Sing?

Maybe you share my love for song. Or, you may be someone who patiently endures the singing on Sabbath morning until you hear what you really came for — the message. If so, Martin Luther wants to have a few words with you. Luther loved congregational music and considered music next to theology in importance. He wrote, “When man’s natural ability is whetted and polished to the extent that it becomes an art, then do we note with great surprise the great and perfect wisdom of God in music, which is, after all, His product and His gift.”

God’s heart for setting words to melodies is evident from even a casual reading of the Psalms.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

(Psalm 96:1–2)

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

(Psalm 47:6)

In just four verses we’re commanded to sing seven times.

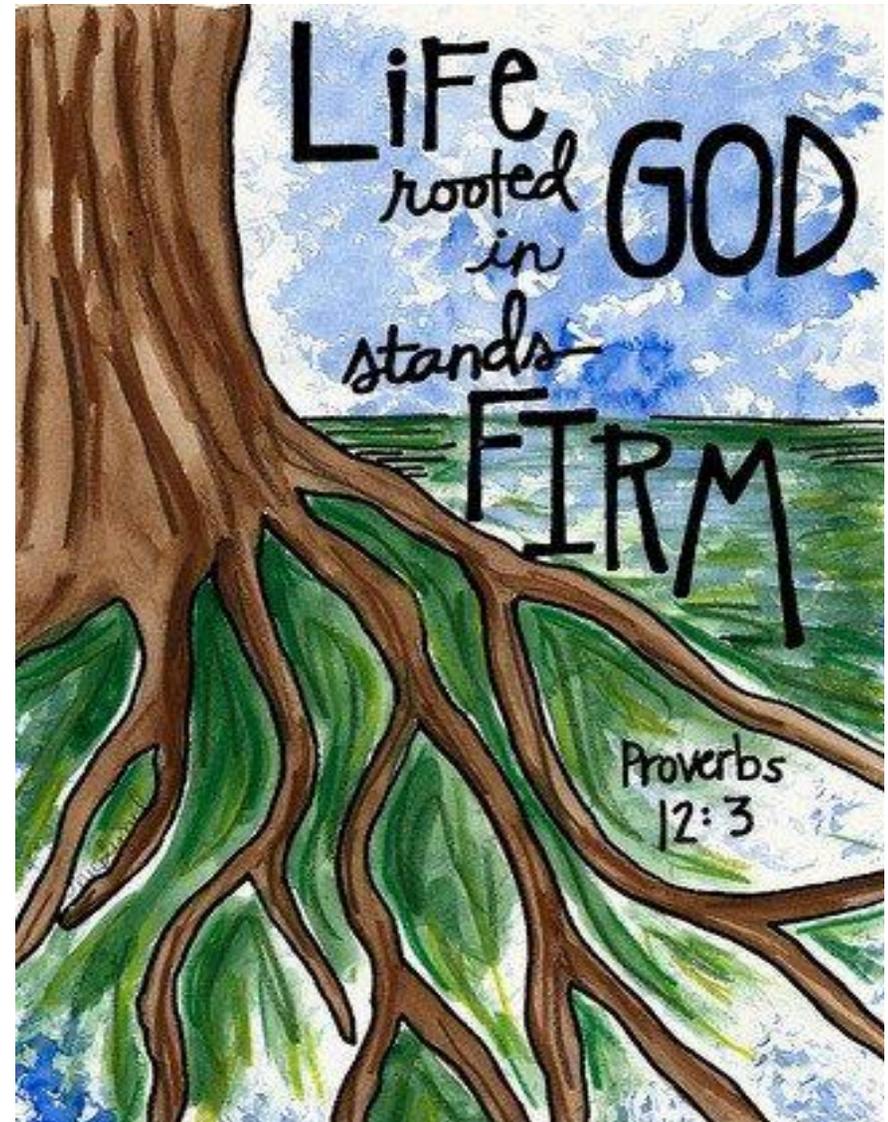
The Bible contains over 400 references to singing and 50 direct commands to sing. The longest book of the Bible, Psalms, is a book of songs. In the New Testament, we’re commanded twice to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to one another (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

Why does God so often tell us not simply to praise him but to sing his praises when we meet? Why are God’s people throughout history always singing? Why does God want us to sing? One reason is that God himself sings. In Zephaniah 3:17, God exalts over his people “with loud singing.”

On the eve of his crucifixion, Jesus sang hymns with his disciples (Matthew 26:30). Ephesians 5:18-19 tells us that one effect of being “filled with the Spirit” is “addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord.” We worship a triune God who sings, and he wants us to be like him.

Some Christians think that music undermines the Word, that any time you combine music with words in church, you’re asking for problems. But music and the Word aren’t meant to be in conflict with each other. God wants them together. Psalm 147:1 tells us, “Praise the Lord! It is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.” God gave us music to serve the Word. When that relationship is understood and appreciated, music becomes a powerful gift from God that complements, supports, and deepens the impact of the words we sing.

Happy Sabbath!



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Sabbath, September 21, 2019

Sabbath Worship

Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome Frank Thieme

Opening Song

Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:40 a.m. Yvonne Eller

King's Business, 10:45 a.m.

Hymn of the Month Frank Thieme
New Hymn

God's Family in Worship, 11 a.m.

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.

Opening Hymn, "Jesus Saves" Hymn 340

Scripture Reading, Galatians 5:22-23

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering Local Church Budget

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

Children's Story Sheri Bauer

Special Music Manfred and Sheri

Video "The Blessed Rest from Their Labors" Wintley Phipps

Closing Hymn, "Trust and Obey" Hymn 590

Benediction

Postlude

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23, NKJV)*



Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that through Bible study, prayer, and song, you will experience God's presence and blessing. Please stay and fellowship with us at the potluck meal following church service. Everyone is invited!

Announcements

**Upcoming: Sabbath, September 28 Pastor Jason Worf
October 4, 5, and 6 Pastor Terry McComb**

Wintley Phipps who hosts our video today is an ordained SDA minister, vocal artist, and founder of the U.S. Dream Academy, Songs of Freedom Publishing Company, and Coral Records Recording Company.

Panhandle Preparedness Expo: Today and tomorrow, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bonner County Fairgrounds. Speakers, vendors, and food.

3ABN Camp Meeting program featuring Ted Wilson and other speakers. to: <https://3abncampmeeting.org/>.

New Day of the Week for Bible Study! Tuesday, from 6 p.m. at Beth Duffey's house. Our next study will be led by Sheri Bauer.

Winning the Food Fight: Thursdays, September 26 to October 31, from 1:30 p.m. at Scotchman's Café in Clark Fork. Community Book Club. Read and discuss with Dr. Heather Margaret, MD, Family and Lifestyle Specialist.

Please bring your experience of Adventist-inspired healthy living, including recipes and foods that are better choices, fasting, eating only at mealtimes, and eating the food that God provides.

Sabbath School Guest Day! Upcoming on Sabbath, September 28. **Who will you invite?**

ABC Express: Sandpoint School on October 7, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Alzheimer's: A Global Epidemic: Curtis & Paula Eakins, Sunday, October 13 at the Hayden SDA Church. Free, includes food demo. Register: 208-495-4559.

Quilter's Camp at Camp MiVoden, October 21-25.

Fall Women's and Young Women's Retreat, October 25-27.

Prayer Circle: Call Janet Remitz with your requests. 406-847-5526.

Bulletin information deadline Wednesday noon to Beth.

Sunset tonight: 6:44 p.m.

Next Friday night: 6:32 p.m.