

Let them Ever Sing for Joy

Ephesians 5:18-21

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Four Aspects of Worship...

1. Singing...
2. Speaking...
3. Thanking...
4. Submitting.

The Nature and Practice of Singing

A crucial pattern for the vocal praise of God:

- The eyes see something of God...
- The heart rejoices in God...
- The mouth sings aloud in praise of him!

Psalm 5:10-12

“Make them [the bloodthirsty evildoers] bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you. But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.”

Psalm 28:6-8

“Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.”

Thou, O Lord, Art a Shield About Me

Thou, O Lord, art a shield about me,
You're my glory and the lifter of my
head!

(2x)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
You're the lifter of my head!

(2x)

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Psalm 42:7-8

*“Deep calls to deep at the roar of your
waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me. By day the LORD
commands his steadfast love, and at night his
song is with me, a prayer to the God of my
life.”*

The Prominence of Worship in the Kingdom of God

1. In the Exodus: *“But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall **serve** God on this mountain” (Exodus 3:12).*

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2. In David's Kingdom: Not only was David a prolific song-writer and an inventor of instruments, but he also institutionalized the practice of singing into the life of Israel like it had never been before.

Revelation 5:6-14

“And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Revelation 5:6-14

“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.’

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

Revelation 5:6-14

“...saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.”

Let them Ever Sing for Joy!

...In victory and defeat,

...In health and sickness,

...In wealth and poverty,

...In triumph and failure,

...In all the various circumstances of life,

let them ever sing for joy!

How Great Thou Art!

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have
made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe
displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I
wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain
grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle
breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not
sparing;

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart.

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou
art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!