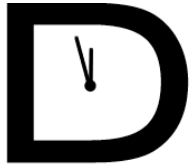


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# Worship through Music

Worship *without* music shows lack of zeal and genuine *faith*.

Worship *through* music demonstrates obedience and inspires the spirit to believe.

## Foundation Verses:

Last week: **Matthew 6:21**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

This week: **Psalm 149:1**

“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing his praises in the assembly of the faithful.”

## Musical Worship

**Does God desire us to worship Him with music?**

Or is it just entertainment for us?

**What does it accomplish?**

Psalms Were the Worship Songs of the Old Testament times: **Psalm 150**

### BREAKAWAY DISCUSSION GROUPS:

Categories	Psalm #s	Definition:
1. Individual Laments	22, 42, 51, 120	-
2. Communal Laments	79, 80, 137	-
3. Songs of Praise	8, 100, 145, 150	-
4. Hymns of Thanks	75, 118, 136	-
5. Testimonies of Confidence	23, 91, 139	-
6. Royal Psalms	45, 72, 110	-
7. Songs of “Zion”	48, 84, 122	-
8. Chants of Instruction	1, 15, 107	-

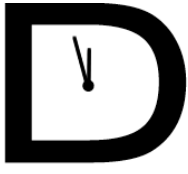
Which type do we usually sing in our churches? Which types should we sing more?

## ***Praise vs. Worship: Is there a Difference?***

Adapted from: <http://www.abbalovesus.com/PraisevsWorship.html>

### “Praise”

- Ps 9:11 - Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.
- Ps 33:2 - Praise the Lord with harp, sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.
- Is 42:12 - Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands.
- Heb 13:15 - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, this is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name.



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According to the above, **Praise consists of song, music, words**, and we are to do this consistently, **even when it is a sacrifice**.

According to the Word of God, the Lord inhabits the praises of His children.

- Ps 22:3 - But thou art holy, o holy that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

What a promise! When we offer praises to the Lord, His spirit fills each word and His power goes forth. See this next verse:

- 2 Chr 20:22 - And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

The people praising was what released God's power to overcome the enemy.

### “Worship”

- 1 Chron 16:29 - Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord our maker.
- Ps 95:6 - O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
- Ps 96:9 - O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

According to this, worship is not singing and such; but it is an **action taken in acknowledging the Lord as our LORD**.

### Linguistically Speaking

- Praise (aineo) to speak in praise of, to praise.
- Praise (humneo) “to sing, to laud, sing to the praise of”
- Praise (exomologeoo) “will I give praise”; “I will confess”.
  
- Worship (proskuneoo) “to make obeisance, do reverence to” used as of an act of homage or reverence to God.
- Worship (latreuo) “to serve, to render religious service or homage”; to worship (by the Spirit of God) “to worship (God in Spirit).

Worship goes beyond praise; it is an act of bowing down and honoring the Lord God. Worship is also an act, for example in our daily work: we serve others as a way of worshipping the Lord. Our very life should be an act of worship.

### Worship Found In Silence

There is a time to be silent before the Lord. We often think we must continue to speak His praises in order to show we adore Him; but not so.

Has the Holy Spirit ever told you to lie down flat before the Lord? He had me do this one time in church, as I repented for not speaking forth as I should have. It was awesome. As I lay on the floor the presence of the Lord swept over and through me, letting me bathe in His love. I was in the back and no one could easily see me, so it was not for show; in fact I was not very comfortable doing it. But the joy and peace that came with the obedience was beyond measure. That was worship.

### Worship Through Exuberance

We need to be bold in our praises as well as our worship; not allowing man to rob us of our blessings. There are times we hesitate to raise our hands to the Lord out of embarrassment; well that's a silly and dangerous thing to do. He tells us if we deny Him before men He will deny us before His father.

So open up and rejoice in our LORD. He alone is worthy of our praise and worship.