

## THE LOCAL CHURCH

Our Services: Music & Singing-What Are Doing?

**Foundation-**Our Services: The Word, The Music, The Offering; Why? How? What's the result of it supposed to be?

### I. Is singing in church, in the assembly, in the congregation of the saints scriptural?

- **Ps149:1-5**-Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. 2 Let Israel rejoice in that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. 3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbral and harp. 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek (humble) with salvation (deliverance, welfare, prosperity, victory). 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory (honor, reverence): let them sing aloud upon their beds. 6 Let the high praises (exaltation-elevate in estimation) of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand.
  - A. When God's people assemble it's scriptural for there to be singing-Praise-H8416-Laudation (music or singing in honor of anyone, to praise with words and singing), Hymn; Congregation-H6951-Assembly, company, congregation, multitude; Saints-Godly, pious, faithful ones;
    1. Singing praises to Him in His house-We are the temple of the Holy Ghost, but the church building is His place; Ps27:6-Now shall mine head be lifted above mine enemies round about me: therefore I will offer in his tabernacles sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea I will sing praises unto the Lord-AM-His tent-VO-His house
    2. Jesus is singing in the assembly and so it'd be good thing for us to do the same-This is quoting Jesus who was quoting the 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm (V22-In the midst of the congregation I will praise thee)-Hb2:11-KJ-For both he that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare your name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church (assembly) will I sing praise unto you
    3. Singing in the NT-God hasn't changed-1Cor14:26-How it then, brethren? When you come together, every one of you hath a psalm (music accompanied with voice); Col3:16-Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord
  - B. We are to come before the presence of God with singing-Ps95:1-Let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms (singing, song); Ps100:2-Come before his presence with singing
    1. When there's two or more of us gathered together in His name He's there in the midst of us-If He is in the midst of us when we gather in his name then we should come before his presence singing and making a joyful noise-Mt18:20-For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them
  - C. There are instruments with our singing and praise-Ps149:3-Let them sing praises unto him with the timbral (tambourine) and harp (Lyre-Stringed instrument); Ps98:5-Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp and the voice of a psalm; Ps71:22-I will also praise you with the psaltery (W1828-Instrument of music used by Hebrews, the form which is not know; Harp, lute, guitar, musical instrument), even your truth, o my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp; Ps150:3-Praise him with the sound of the trumpet (horn); praise him with the psaltery and harp. 4 Praise him with the timbral and dance: praise him with the stringed instruments and organs. 5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals
- ### II. What are we doing when we are singing unto the Lord? With our singing we are ministering unto the Lord
- A. You can do things that don't bless the Lord, that don't minister to him-What we do can affect the Lord
    1. You can do things that grieve the Holy Ghost-You can do things that don't please Him, don't minister to Him, don't bless Him; Eph4:30-Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God (W1828-Grieve-Displease)
    2. You can do things that weary the Lord-What they're saying He's tired of it; It's not blessing Him, pleasing Him-Ma2:17-You have wearied (W1828-Patience exhausted, irksome) the Lord with your words

3. You can do things that provoke/irritate the Lord-He was irritated by their unbelief-What they are doing is not ministering to Him, blessing Him, or pleasing Him-**Nu14:11**-How long will this people provoke me? And how long will it be ere to believe me, for all the signs which I have showed among them? **Hb3:8**-Harden not your hearts as in the provocation (irritation), in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and say my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation

B. You do things that minister to the Lord, that please Him, that bless Him

1. You can live in a way that pleases God-**1Th4:1-KJ**-Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as you have received of us how you ought to walk and to please God so you would abound more and more; **ERV**-We taught you how to live in a way that will please God. And you are living that way. Now we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus to live that way more and more; **Jn8:29**-For I do always those things that please Him; **Pr16:7**-When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be a peace with Him; **1Jn3:22**-Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight
2. Walking in the flesh does not please Him-**Rm8:8**-Then they that are in the flesh cannot please God
3. Faith pleases God-If unbelief irritated and provoked him, then pleases Him-When we trust God and take Him at His Word it blesses Him-**Hb11:6**-But without faith it is impossible to please Him; **Mt8:10**-When Jesus heard it, he marveled (admire-wonder mingled with pleasing emotions), and said to them that followed, verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel
4. You can say things that please the Lord-**1Kin3:9-10**-Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life; neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies; but have asked for yourself understanding to discern judgment; Behold, I have done according to your words; lo, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches, and honor; so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto you all your days
5. Our offerings can please the Lord-**Ph4:18**-I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God; **Mal1:8**-If you offer the blind for sacrifice is it not evil? If you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it now unto your governor; will he be pleased with you
6. When children obey their parents it pleases the Lord-**Col3:20**-Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord
7. When we are being a blessing to others it blesses God-**Hb13:16**-To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased

C. Our singing to God in praise and worship ministers to the Lord-It doesn't make you more righteous, but God likes it-**Ps69:30**-I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs

1. We are ministering unto the Lord in song-We are doing something that is pleasing to Him and that blesses Him-**Act13:2**-As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said
2. When you come in and something smells nice it blesses you-**Ps141:2**-Let my prayer (hymn) be set forth before you as incense (perfume, odor); and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice
3. Faith filled praise & worship blesses him-The way complaining and unbelief can upset him and grieve him