

## *Oh Sing to the Lord a New Song!*

1. [\*\*Psalm 33:3\*\*](#)

Sing to him a **new song**; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

2. [\*\*Psalm 40:3\*\*](#)

He put a **new song** in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

3. [\*\*Psalm 96:1 - 3\*\*](#)

Sing to the LORD a **new song**; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

4. [\*\*Psalm 98:1\*\*](#)

Sing to the LORD a **new song**, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

5. [\*\*Psalm 144:9\*\*](#)

I will sing a **new song** to you, O God; on the ten-stringed lyre  
I will make music to you,

## **6. Psalm 149:1- 6**

Sing to the LORD a **new song**, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;  
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing  
and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

For the LORD takes delight in his people;  
he crowns the humble with salvation.

Let the saints rejoice in this honor  
and sing for joy on their beds.

May the praise of God be in their mouths  
and a double-edged sword in their hands

## **7. Isaiah 42:10**

Sing to the LORD a **new song**, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them.

Let the desert and its towns raise their voices;  
Let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice.

Let the people of Sela sing for joy;  
Let them shout from the mountaintops.

## **8. Revelation 5:9**

And they sang a **new song**: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

## **9. [Revelation 14:3a](#)**

And they sang a **new song** before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders.

Well, there it is; the thought for my evening meditation. Sing to the Lord a new song. As I am writing this, my heart and my spiritual ears are being treated to this oft repeated command in God's Word. Sing. Sing to Me. Sing to Me a song. Sing to Me a new song. Would you let that Word of God be branded in your heart as you read this. Let's listen to it once again as it is written.

**Sing to the Lord a new song.**

When I was a young girl attending a Catholic boarding school, the Sister in charge of worship told us many times, "Girls, singing is twice praying." The reason given for that statement was because reading a prayer only involved the mind. Singing involved the whole body. Is it not interesting that God puts so much emphasis on this in His Word?

As part of the religious tradition of my family, we attended a little Catholic parish which at that time was a mission church, one shepherded by a pastor who attended to two churches at the same time. It was located in a small Indiana town, and we had no parochial school and no nuns around to teach us any "new" music of any kind. The Mass was celebrated in Latin at that time, and only the Scriptures were translated into English. Of course the sermon was in English. But the songs we sang were three in number. Just three! Two of the three were in Latin, the last one in English. That particular song was "Holy God, we praise Thy Name!" For the first 13 years of my life, these were the only songs I

ever sang to God. I doubt I was aware there existed any other songs to the Lord or about Him.

Then came my 4 years in high school at St Joseph's Academy in Tipton, Indiana. There I was exposed to many more hymns and songs. We even had a hymnal full of songs of worship and praise that others had written, some in Latin, some in English.

When English became the language used at Mass, suddenly there was an explosion of new music in the Catholic church in America. Song writers wrote song after song after song of praise and worship. These songs were again published and distributed to "the faithful" who learned them one at a time. Some have become real "keepers," such as "And I will bear you up on eagle's wing," and "Make me a channel of Your peace," otherwise known as the prayer of St. Francis.

In 1978, two years after a dramatic heart conversion to the Lord, He moved me into an itinerant ministry which was my calling for more than 28 years. I found myself in every kind of church you could imagine with many more in between. I discovered everyone else had hymn books too. As time progressed, we got to chorus books, and eventually we learned to sing "off the wall!" songs!!! I learned tons and tons of hymns and songs and spiritual songs and choruses. In the book, off the wall, and every one of them written by someone else. Frozen, as it were on a piece of paper – black notes on white paper. wonderful music. but new only until one learned it. I would imagine most of those song books have yellowed now with age. Not in singing any one of those songs from any one's tradition did I fulfill the Lord's command we are considering today –

**"Sing to the Lord a new song."**

What am I trying to say? Simply this: Those "new songs" were new in that someone wrote them recently. I learned them as they came along – but they were **someone else's** new song! They did not flow out of **my** relationship to the Lord! I very very seldom sang Him a song that arose from my relationship to Him. During the first 24 years of laboring

together, my ministry partner and I did write a few songs, perhaps 40 or 50. And these were from our hearts. With the exception of these few songs, most of what I have done my entire life has been other people's heart songs to the Lord.

The last two years, I've become familiar with and participate in prayer and intercession with some other like-minded friends who are passionately crying out to God for His purposes to come upon the earth. Enormous devotion to the Word of God is embraced as we seek His face. We desire to devote ourselves to prayer and intercession as watchmen on the wall for today's world, for God's purposes on the earth today and tomorrow.

One of the values I have learned which has impacted me deeply is this: I am just now beginning to blossom into becoming one who regularly

### **Sing(s) a new song to the Lord!**

How, you might ask, has this happened? This is what I want to share with you. I am learning to not just **read** Scripture, but I am learning to literally **pray** Scripture back to the Lord! And believe it or not, I am just now learning to **sing** them back to Him in brand new songs, straight out of my time with Him and His Word!

As I pray a Scripture back to the Lord, I pray perhaps just one phrase or one sentence of one of the wonderful prayers or songs in the Scriptures. I pray it back to God. I stay on that Scripture freely. I ask Him questions about that verse; I listen to the answer. It is kind of like approaching prayer and worship the way David and Asaph did in the Psalms. Sometimes they would ask questions that are immediately followed by the answer. Sometimes they would simply wax poetic with praise, and each phrase would be followed by a little chorus which might say, for instance, "His love endures forever." (for example, Psalm 136)

When you or I get to this point, we've got all the material we need for our own personal "new" song. You are only one step away from singing an

original song to the Lord and that step is the sound of your voice away from making this song of your own to Him.

How does this happen? It's so very simple. Take the little phrases that will come to you mind which you would normally speak; and simply lift the voice He gave you to sing to Him; engage your tongue and your lungs and your lips and your heart and your head to sing a little tune. If you can't come up with a tune, sing it all on one note! That is still a tune. As you get comfortable with letting your thoughts flow on a note, tunes will simply begin to pop right out of you!!!

And, my beloved friend, it will be a new song to the Lord! It will be **your** new song to the Lord! If you follow this pattern, you will be singing a perfect prayer to the Lord! How so? Because you will be singing His Word right straight back to Him!

How sweet this is! How delicious to the taste! Did it ever occur to you that God put the Scriptures together, including all the prayer and praise and all the songs, and all the intercession / crying out to Him - - - He put all that in His Word, so that our inner man would be, as it were, quickened as we read them? Yes, you would be quickened. You would come to recognize and say "Oh yes, Lord, yes. It would cause the Holy Spirit in you to leap in agreement with the heart of the Father as you read and pray His Word back to Him. This is the Holy Spirit's "Amen!." **This is Your heart** for Israel. **This is Your heart** for your church! **This is Your heart** for the nations! **This is Your heart** for my city! **This is Your heart** for the lost! **This is Your heart** for my church family!" And out of the Holy Spirit bearing witness to your heart that this is the very heart of God you have read and are now praying, comes the sweetest song His ears could ever hear:

YOU, YES, YOU – AGREEING WITH HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY, AND CRYING OUT TO HIM FOR **HIS** PURPOSES TO COME TO HIS WORLD TODAY!

Oh, my precious friend, let's embrace anew His heart's desires! Let's come into complete agreement with Him as He has spoken in His Word.

Won't you be one who answers this call from Him? Listen as He calls today for those who would stand in for those who are too busy, or too taken with other songs, or too unbelieving, or too uncaring. Listen to His heart cry right now.

### **Ezekiel 22**

30 "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.

### **Ezekiel 3**

17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel;



## Isaiah 62

- 1 For Zion's sake **I will not keep silent,**  
for Jerusalem's sake **I will not remain quiet,**  
till her righteousness shines out like the dawn,  
her salvation like a blazing torch.
- 2 The nations will see your righteousness,  
and all kings your glory;  
you will be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.
- 3 You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,  
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- 4 No longer will they call you Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate.  
But you will be called Hephzibah,  
and your land Beulah;  
for the LORD will take delight in you,  
and your land will be married.
- 5 As a young man marries a maiden,  
so will your sons marry you;  
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so will your God rejoice over you.
- 6 **I (this is the Lord speaking!) have posted watchmen on  
your walls, O Jerusalem;**  
**they will never be silent day or night.**  
**You who call on the LORD,**  
**give yourselves no rest,**
- 7 **and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem  
and makes her the praise of the earth.**

My friend, would you answer the call of the Lord to sing a new song to Him? Would you accept His longing for those on earth who would share His passion for his people, Jew and Gentile alike? Would you cry out along with others His heart for the people of the earth?

### **Isaiah 6:8**

Then **I** heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall **I send?** And who will go for us?" And **I** said, "**Here am I. Send me!**"

Oh sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
Sing to the Lord! Bless His name! Announce His salvation day  
after day! Sing! Sing! Sing!

Oh sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!