

Worship: Music – Expression of the Soul

Psalm 100 & Colossians 3:16-17

Today we start a six week series on worship. The first focus is music. In the coming weeks we will consider prayer, scripture, offering, communion and our minds. Our worship begins and ends with music and it is laced throughout. Music has always been an important part of worship because it expresses the soul. Music styles vary between cultures and generations and can bind us together as one or create disunity and strife. In both the Old and New Testaments we are encouraged, called and even commanded to make music to glorify God.

Music Expresses and Creates the Mood

Instruments for God's glory (*Psalm 150*)

Both music and words are powerful to move the soul

Joy/sorrow, Gratitude/remorse, Hope/despair, Peace/frustration,
Love/hate, Contentment/dissatisfaction, Excitement/dullness...

A word about leading versus manipulating: a delicate balance

Singing Songs to the Lord (*Colossians 3:16-17*)

Teaches spiritual truths

Offers thanks and praise to God

Declares God's glory to others

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Creating new songs

*Psalms 33:3, 40:3, 96:1, 98:1, 144:9, 149:1, Isaiah 42:10,
Revelation 5:9, 14:3*

Being recreated by God's mercy for song

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

(Lamentations 3:22-23)