

Worshiping in Spirit and Truth: Singing Praises to the Lord

Sunday, August 28

Singing Praises in Truth:

- What is the scriptural basis for singing when we gather to worship?
(Ephesians 5: 19; Colossians 3: 16)
- Describe how the Jews were instructed to incorporate singing into their worship, as recorded in the Old Testament.
(Psalm 33: 3; Psalm 144: 9; Isaiah 12: 5)
- What examples do we have of the Jews using music to glorify God?
(Exodus 15: 1 – 2; 1 Chronicles 15: 16; Nehemiah 12: 27)
- How would you explain the reasoning behind the fact that Christians do not use musical instruments when we sing praises to the Lord?
- What explanations do people provide to describe their desire to use musical instruments during worship? How would you address their opinions?
- How would you explain the fact that although the Jews used musical instruments in worship, that does not contradict the direction we have been given in the New Testament regarding singing in worship?
(Jeremiah 31: 31 – 32; Hebrews 8: 13)

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Singing Praises in Spirit:

- How would you describe the purpose of singing praises to the Lord as a way of worshiping in spirit?
- Who is our audience when we sing during a worship service? (Psalm 147: 1; Colossians 3: 16; Ephesians 5: 19)
- In Colossians 3: 16 and Ephesians 5: 19, reflect on the significance of the fact that both scriptures include a reference to the heart. How does this apply to singing praises to the Lord in spirit?
- According to Zephaniah 3: 14 – 17, how does God express His joy toward us?
- Read the following scriptures and prepare to discuss what each reference teaches us about the purpose of singing in worship. How do these references help us to better understand how singing contributes to worshiping in spirit?
 - 1 Chronicles 16: 9
 - Psalm 13: 6
 - Psalm 147: 7
 - Acts 16: 25
 - 1 Corinthians 14: 15
 - James 5: 13