

WHY WE SING

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I. Introduction

- A. I John 4:19 (NAS) *We love, because He first loved us.*
- B. Exodus 20:3 (NLT) *“You must not have any other god but me.”*

II. Why do we sing?

- A. We sing because the Bible tells us to.
 - 1. Ephesians 5:19b (NIV) *Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.*
 - 2. Colossians 3:16b (NLT) *Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.*
 - 3. Psalm 68:4 (NAS) *Sing to God, sing praises to His name.*
 - 4. Psalm 95:1 (NAS) *O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.*
 - 5. Psalm 71:23 (NIV) *My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—I, whom you have redeemed.*
 - a. The Bible tells us that singing is a central activity to worshipping God.
- B. We sing because God gave us singing to help develop and deepen our relationship with Him. We need to sing!
 - 1. Psalm 71:23 (TNIV) *I am going to shout for joy, when I sing praise.*
 - a. Along with helping us remember truths about God, singing also helps us meditate on them.
- C. We sing because we need to put great words on our lips.
 - 1. Romans 12:2 (NIV) *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
 - a. So what we sing matters!
 - b. Singing is one of our primary ways of expressing objective truth about God.

2. Psalm 71:23 (NIV) *My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—I, whom you have redeemed.*
- D. We sing to take our eyes off of ourselves and put them on Jesus.
1. Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT) *¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ²We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.*
- E. Singing helps us respond more fully to God.
1. Singing makes us active participants in worship.
 2. We are also meant to engage in responding to God.
 3. Our first priority as a people of God, is to worship Him.

III. Conclusion

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