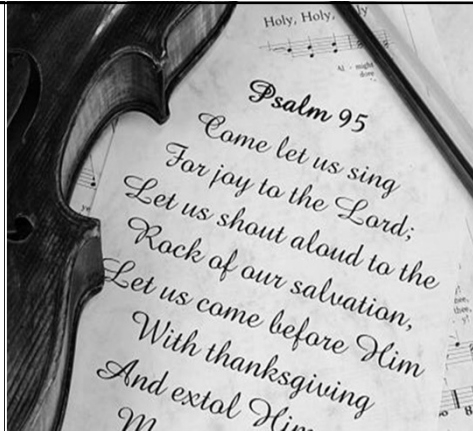


Music in the Bible

Lesson 1:

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True or False?

“The human voice is the only
musical instrument God
created.”

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Job 38:4,7

“Where were you when I laid
the foundation of the
earth?....When *the morning
stars sang together* and all the
sons of God shouted for joy?”

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“NASA discovered some years ago that not only are
the stars giving off radio waves, but some of the
*stars are giving off one million times as much radio
energy* as is produced in our entire Milky Way
galaxy.... *that there is music being emitted in a
major key. The music being emitted ... is
harmonious. NASA compared the music ... to the
instruments of an orchestra that are in tune with
each other.*”

Dr. Carl Baugh

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Zephaniah 3:17 (KJV)

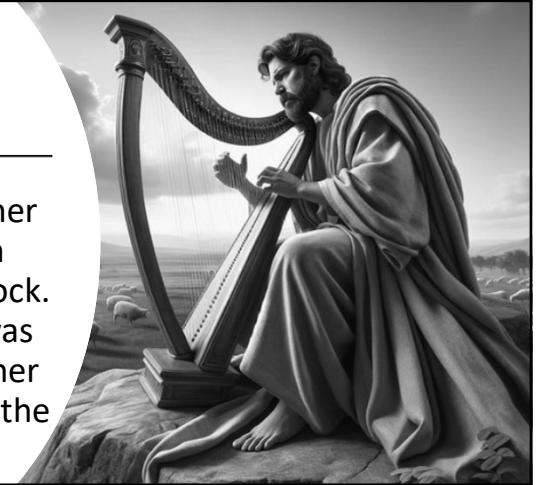
“The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in his love, *He will joy over thee with singing.*”

Gen 1:27 “God created man *in His own image...*”

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Genesis 4:20-21

“Adah gave birth to Jabel; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.”



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Genesis 31:27

“Why did you flee secretly and deceive me, and did not tell me so that I might have sent you away *with joy and with songs, with timbrel and with lyre?*”

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1. To express joy at happy occasions.

James 5:13 “...Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.”

2. To commemorate an historic occasion.

Judges 5: Deborah & Barak sang recounting the victory.

Exodus 15: Moses recalled the defeat of Pharaoh’s army.

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Songs of Moses:

- Exodus 15 Moses -recalling the defeat of Pharoah's army.
 - 15:1-3 rehearses the events of the Exodus; ends with praise to God.
 - v.1 "sang...to the LORD...I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted."
 - v.2 "He has become my salvation"
"My father's God, and I will extol Him"
 - v.3 "The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is His name."
 - 15:17-18 points to the promises of God
 - v.17 He will "plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance"
 - v.18 "The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

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- Deuteronomy 32 At the end of Moses' life; praises the Lord:
 - v.4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just...."
 But also rebukes and warns the people:
 - v.5-6 "They have acted corruptly toward Him...are a perverse and crooked generation. Do you thus repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people?"
 - v.7 "...Ask your father, and he will inform you...."

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Deut 31:16 "...you are about to lie down with your fathers (die); and this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land...and will forsake Me and break My covenant...."

Deut 31:19,21-22 "Now therefore, write this song...and teach it to the sons of Israel...so that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel....this song will testify before them as a witness (for it shall not be forgotten from the lips of their descendants)....**So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the sons of Israel.**"

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 - Deuteronomy 32 At the end of Moses' life; praises the Lord but also rebukes and warns the people.
 - Psalm 90 Included in Israel's songbook; possibly written at the time of the events in Numbers 20 = Moses' sin; death of Miriam and Aaron.
- Ps 90:4,12 "For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it passes by....So teach us to number our days that we may present to You a heart of wisdom."

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- Deuteronomy 32 Praises the Lord but also rebukes and warns the people.
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- Revelation 15:3-4 "And **they sang the song of Moses**...saying, 'Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty..."

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I Samuel 18 – Israel celebrating the victories of Saul & David.
4. Used at events making a public announcement; ex. weddings; reconciliations.
Luke 15 "my son has returned, is forgiven"

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▮ Psalm 119: written to facilitate memorization

- Is an acrostic poem with 22 stanzas
- Each stanza begins with a succeeding letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- Each stanza has 8 verses made up of two lines.
- Each verse begins with the Hebrew letter of that stanza.

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א אשרי תמימי־דרך ההלכים בתורת יהוה:

אשרי נצרי עדתיו בכל־לב יִדְרֹשׁוּהוּ:

אף לא־פָּעְלוּ עוֹלָה בְּדַרְכּוֹ הַלְכוּ:

אתה צויתָה פְּקֻדֵּיךָ לִשְׁמֹר מְאֹד:

אחלי יִכְנוּ דַרְכֵי לִשְׁמֹר חֲקִיךָ:

אֲז לא־אֲבוֹשׁ בְּהִבִּיטִי אֶל־כָּל־מַצּוֹתֶיךָ:

אוֹדֶךָ בַּיֶּשֶׁר לִבְבִּי בְּלִמְדֵי מִשְׁפָּטֶי צִדְקָךָ:

אֶת־חֲקִיךָ אֲשֶׁמֶר אֶל־תַּעֲזֹבֵנִי עַד־מָאֵד:

Psalm
119:1-8
in Hebrew,
first letter
highlighted

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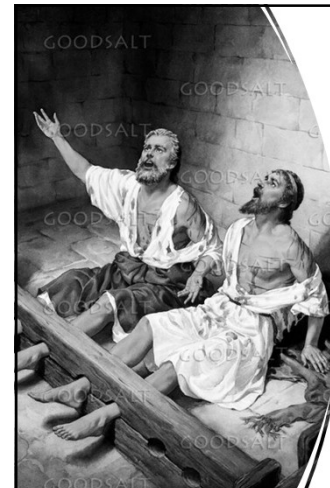
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"Music helps to soften the silence."

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8. To encourage or cheer us, keep us from being afraid. Acts 16:22-25

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Acts 16:22-25

"But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."

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The main emphasis of music in the Bible is praise and thanksgiving to God!

- Psalm 100:4 "...Enter His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name."
- Psalm 106:1 "Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting."
- Psalm 111:1-2 "Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart....Great are the works of the LORD...."
- Nehemiah 12:46 "...songs of praise and hymns of thanksgiving to God."

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Jesus sang at the Last Supper. (Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26)

- Hallel Psalms, Ps 113-118, sung during Passover; after the 4th cup of wine Psalm 118:
- v.14 "The LORD is my strength and song... my salvation."
- v.20-21 "This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous will enter through it....You have become my salvation."
- v.22 "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone."

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- v.24 "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it...."
- v.26 "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD...." = triumphal entry
- v.27 "...bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I give thanks to You...." = the Passover sacrifice

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Jesus sang:

"...this is THE DAY...let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Hebrews 12:2 "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

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Hebrews 2:9-13 = Jesus now in Heaven:

- v.9 “But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.
- v.11-12 “ ...He is not ashamed to call them brethren saying ‘I will proclaim Your name to My brethren’....
- v.13 “....I and the children whom God has given Me.”
- v.12 “...In the midst of the congregation I [Jesus] will sing Your praise.

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Hebrews 2:12

“Psalm 22:22 predicted that the Messiah would move from suffering to public praise; Hebrews 2:12 shows Jesus fulfilling that prophecy. Every time the church gathers, [these scriptures] are being lived out: *the Suffering Servant turned Risen Savior still leads His family in exaltation of the Father. Our worship is possible because the Firstborn sings first; we echo His song.*

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