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STEPPING UP SPIRITUALLY.

STEPPING IN RELATIONALLY.

STEPPING OUT EVANGELISTICALLY.



PRESENTS A SONG SERVICE:

#### BEHOLD OUR GOD!

'Which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.'

- 1 Timothy 6:15-16

DATE: Saturday, April 29, 2023

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: 10421 NE 140th Street, Kirkland, Wa 98034

### Restonation & Revival

#### **2023 THEME**

"..Ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..."

- Jeremiah 6:16

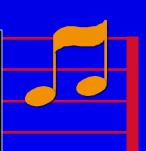
"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"
- Psalms 85:6



Striving to RESTORE authentic NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY to REVIVE personal JOY, ZEAL and SPIRITUALITY!



### Spiritual Singing = Revival & Restoration



### Making Melody In Our hearts

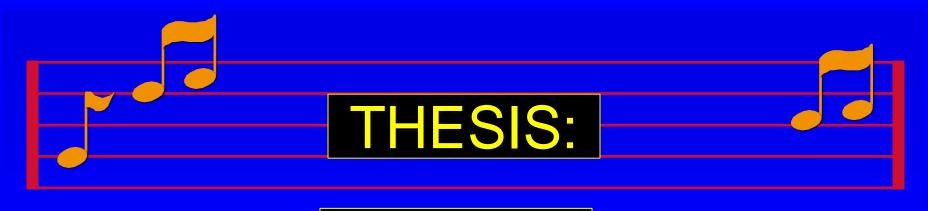
#### **Ephesians 5:19**

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord . . ."



### Part One

- The *Importance and Power* of Music!
- The Spiritual Nature of NT Worship.
- How can we avoid making it routine?



### Part Two

- Suggestions to Enhance our Singing.
- The Exalted Role of Singing in the Church.

# Lost and..?



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## The Importance and Power of Music





**Martin Luther** 

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music."



- Music was <u>invented by God</u> and was designed to be used for His glory!
- It can <u>effectively communicate</u> from our hearts and minds to God and to <u>each other</u> in a special way!
- The problem is that Satan knows this too (II Cor 2:11).



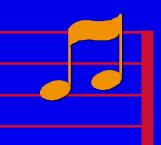


### Importance of Music

- Anyone here not like music?
- Especially important in our youth, serves as "identity" and favorite past time.
- Songs are keyed to long-term memory!



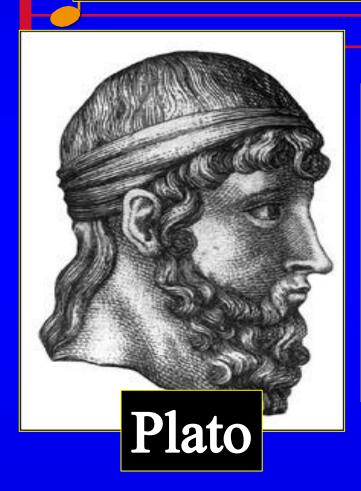




- Prof. Donna Beck: "Music is a powerful medium. It's ability to <u>lift the mind</u> and the <u>heart</u> or to <u>bring it down</u> is tremendous."
- Anne Rosenfeld: "Music can move us to tears, or to dance, or to fight, or to make love." Psychology Today 1990

### "On the Eve of Destruction"





"Our music is destroying our country. It is the duty of the government to suppress all music of an effeminate or lascivious character."

### Music's Powerful Influence



Andrew Fletcher

"If I can write the ballads, I do not care who makes the laws." English Statesman 1719

### Music Shapes our Values

- Prov 4:23 "Watch over your heart ..."
- I Cor 15:33 "Be not deceived..."
- Rm 12:1-2 "Be not conformed ... be ye transformed by the renewing of the mind."

Spiritual Singing as a Part of Revival & Restoration

# The Spiritual Nature of Worship and Song

"Atmosphere is going to come through music because music is a spiritual thing. When you get people at their weakest point, you can preach into the subconscious what you want to say.



Jimmy Hendrix "A Journey into Rock."

### Music is a Key to Spirituality

• Eph 5 Maring do Marine, for that is dissipated, (debauchery NIV) but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; NASU

### Let it "dwell in you richly"

- Col 3:16 Let the within you . . . .
- with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. NASU
- James 5:13 "Is anyone joyful, let him sing praises!"

### Music must be from the heart!

- Eph 5:19 "... singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord.
  - Gk : Psallo = "to pluck"
  - The instrument to be "plucked" is the heart (Spiritual) vs.OT (physical) instruments.
  - Col 3:16 "in your hearts."

### Singing is tied to our Spirits

- I Cor. 14:26 "I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding."
- "The first Christians were too spiritual a fiber to substitute lifeless instruments for or to use them to accompany the human voice." THE CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA

### John Calvin Psalms Comm. Vol 1, pg 539

"Musical instruments in celebrating the praises of God would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, the lighting of lamps, or the restoration of the other shadows of the law. The Catholics have foolishly borrowed this from the Jews. Men who are fond of outward pomp may delight in that noise, but the simplicity which God recommends to us by the apostles is far more pleasing to Him."

# Charles Spurgeon Comm. Ps 42 "Praise the Lord with Harp."



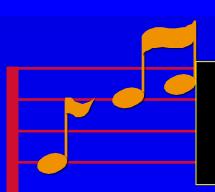
"Israel was at school, and used childish things to help her to learn; but in these days when Jesus gives us spiritual food, one can make melody without strings and pipes... We do no need them. They would hinder rather than help our praise. Sing unto Him. This the sweetest and best music. There is no instrument like the human voice."

### Clear and Present Danger

"There is a danger in mechanically mouthing words while our minds are elsewhere. We may be feeling good we are not using instruments but if we are not "plucking the heart" our singing is of no value!"

#### Brent Hunter

• Matt 15:8-9 "This people honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But *in vain* they do worship me . . ."



# How do we Avoid it Becoming Routine?



- Decide we will offer up heartfelt worship and give God our best! FOCUS!
- Heb 13:15 "Let us offer up a sacrifice of God continually that is the fruit of our lips."

### How important is music?

• It can <u>effectively communicate</u> from our hearts and minds to God – *sweet savor*.



- It can <u>edify us</u> in a <u>special way also!</u>
  - Feed our souls and strengthen the inner man.
  - Best way to crowd out Satan's music is to fill our hearts up with God's!





### Pictures of Heaven

- Rev 5:9 9 And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy.
- Rev 15:3 And they sang the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb!