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Do You Have Song Unto the Lord “He’s the Reason Why I Sing”

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Sing appears in 169 times in the Bible

Exodus 15:

1. Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, **I will sing unto the Lord**, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath thrown into the sea.
2. The **Lord is my strength and song**, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father’s God, and I will exalt him.
3. The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.
4. Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

Why do you sing? This question entered into my mind as I was doing my morning meditations. As I began to think back over the last few years and the struggle and then how the Lord is turning things around this way, I found myself singing.

Let’s look at singing in the bible.

We have a references to people singing throughout the bible, starting with Genesis.

Genesis 31:

27. And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with sword?
- 27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, **and with songs**, and tabret, and with harp?

Singing was so important to God that before his built a temple, they had already implemented the ministry of music in the service of the Lord.

1 Chronicles 6:

31. And these are they whom David set **over the service of song** in the house of the Lord, after that the ark had rest.
32. And they **ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing**, until Solomon had built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order.



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1. Song
 - a. Lyric song
 - b. Religious song
 - c. Song of Levitical choirs
2. Song
 - a. Ode

We even find people singing in the book of Revelations.

REVELATIONS 15:

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: **and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.**

3 And they **sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb**, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

James commands those who are merry to sing.

JAMES 5:

13. Is any among you afflicted, let him pray. **Is any merry, let him sing psalms.**

I wonder though, how many of us are truly singing with the spirit and the understanding or do we sing because we sound good or for entertainment purposes.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:

15. What is it then? I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: **I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also:**

16. Else, when thou shalt bless with the spirit, **how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at the giving of thanks**, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest.

17. For thou verily givest thanks well, **but the other is not edified.**

SONGS:

Questions, what does a man after God own heart does, he sings. David is the author of the most songs in the bibles. He loved singing to the Lord. He also danced. He seemed to sing and dance and give praise to the Lord at every opportunity.



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David sang the 51st psalm after his adulterous affair with Bathsheba.

PSALM 51:

- 1 **To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.
- 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
- 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
- 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

If you don't know him, you can't have a song

If you don't understand that it was him and no other force that delivered your from a situation, you want have a song.

Never would Have Made It

Marvin Sapp-MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

By DR. DONALD MORTON

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HTM: Now on this project, while the entire ministry is a blessing to the body of Christ.....You know where I am going with this!!! (Laughter) There is one song that has had impact across genre lines ("I Never Would Have Made It"). Has that particular song's impact surprised you at all?



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Marvin Sapp: It has been extremely surprising to me. I wondered how something so small and so short could impact so many. He began to reveal to me that people from all walks of life, whether in church or outside of church, have stories and situations they have gone through, where they realize the only reason they made it was that God was always there. We all have stories where we realize that while we have to go through what we have to go through, we are stronger, wiser, and better. When God gave me the song in 2006, there was no way possible I thought that it would have had the impact on the lives of people that it has had. God gave me this song the Sunday after I eulogized my natural father.....I came in church and was preparing to close the Praise and Worship portion of the service as I always do. I stood up there crying and balling, telling God “I never would have made it; I never would have made it without you. I would have lost my mind but now I see how you have been there for me and because of this I’m stronger, I’m wiser, and I’m better.” So it just happened.....and the people of God just gravitated toward it at my local assembly and now it has become a mainstay for several months in the gospel music arena.....

I can only imagine what David felt when he sang this psalm.

PSALMS 91:

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, **He is my refuge and my fortress:** my God; in him will I trust.
- 3 Surely he shall **deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.**
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- 14 Because **he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:** I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

PSALM 100:

- 1 A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.



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- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 101:

- 1 A Psalm of David. I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.
- 2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- 3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.
- 4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.
- 5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
- 6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
- 7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
- 8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSALMS 34:

- 1 A **Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.** I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

PSALMS 150:

- 1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
- 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
- 5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
- 6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

What is your song today: **Thank You Lord, I Have a Testimony, Lord, You've been So Faithful, Changed**



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Artist: Kirk Franklin / Song: Why I Sing / Album: Kirk Franklin And The Family

[spoken] For some who don't understand our purpose, And may not understand our praise
We, as the family in Jesus' name, Would like to tell you the reason why we sing, Family

Someone asked the question, Why do we sing, When we lift our hands to Jesus
What do we really mean, Someone may be wondering, When we sing our song
At times we may be crying, And nothing's even wrong

[chorus] I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, His eye is on the sparrow, That's the reason
why I sing; Glory, hallelujah, You're the reason why I sing;
Someone asked the question, Why do we sing;
When we lift our hands to Jesus, What do we really mean; Someone may be wondering
When we sing our song, At times we maybe crying; And nothing's even wrong

[chorus] Glory, hallelujah, You're the reason why I sing
Glory, hallelujah, You're the reason why I sing
Glory, hallelujah, I give the praises to You
Glory, hallelujah, You're the reason why I sing

And when the song is over, We've all said, 'Amen'
In your heart just keep on singing, And the song will never end
And if somebody asks you, Was it just a show
Lift your hands and be a witness, And tell the whole world, no
And when we cross that river, To study war no more
We will sing our song to Jesus, The One whom we adore

[chorus] Glory, hallelujah, You're the reason why I sing
Glory, hallelujah, You're the reason why I sing
Glory, hallelujah, I give the praises to You
Glory, hallelujah, You're the reason why I sing

You're the reason why I sing, You're the reason why I sing, You're the reason why I sing
You're the reason why I sing, You're the reason why I sing

Oh, I love You, I love Your name, Jesus; Glory, hallelujah, For the rest of my life, Jesus
You'll be the reason why I sing