

## A Reason to Sing

*“The Lord Is My Song”*

**Introduction:** Psalm 118:14 says, “The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.” The reason for understanding music, performing music, and striving for excellence in music is to bring glory to God. This should be no surprise, since the Bible states, “Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

### Notes:

1. We are made in the image of God
  - a. Musicianship is an attribute of God
    - i. God the Father sings, plays trumpet
    - ii. God the Son (Jesus) sang at the last supper
    - iii. Filling of the Holy Spirit causes singing
  - b. Biblical living results in singing
2. God’s Word sets the pattern
  - a. Morning stars sang at creation (Job 38:7)
  - b. David, the man “after God’s own heart” was a musician (as well as other well-known Bible characters, such as Moses, Miriam, Deborah & Barak, Mary, etc.)
  - c. The temple music program
    - i. 4,000 musicians (I Ch. 23:5)
    - ii. 288 music teachers (I Ch. 25:7)
    - iii. The dedication of the temple included singers playing cymbals, psalteries, and harps, as well as 120 trumpet players
  - d. We will sing in heaven
    - i. The “new song” sung by the 4 beasts and the 24 elders (Rev. 5:8, 9)
    - ii. The song of the 144,000 Jewish men (Rev. 14:1-3)
    - iii. The song of victory (Rev. 15:2, 3)
3. Singing is a Bible command. We are to sing:
  - a. Biblically based music
  - b. Clearly separated from worldly influences
  - c. Directed to God
  - d. From our heart
  - e. For the edification of the saved
  - f. As a testimony to the lost
  - g. While striving for excellence (the way we sing presents a picture of who our God is)

(Job 38:7) [Where wast thou] when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

(Gen 1:27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

(Zep 3:17) 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.

(Zec 9:14) ... and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

(Mat 26:30) And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

(Eph 5:18, 19) ... be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

(Col 3:16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

(1Ch 16:23) Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.

(Psa 40:3) And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

(Rev 15:3) 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.