

Songs of praise in power!
Music and Worship

I. What is worship?

- Original word for worship was spelled worthship—to acknowledge the **worth** & value of someone or something!
 - We worship when we communicate God's **value** and worth!
 - With our heart mind soul and strength, our **lives** say Jesus is above everyone and everything!
- A. Worship does not begin with a song it begins with **yourself!** (Rom 12:1)
- The greatest expression of worship the greatest way that we show that we know Jesus, and we love Jesus, and he is #1 in our lives is by giving ourselves in total **surrender** to Jesus! (1 Cor 10:31)

B. Worship is personal!

1. Worship begins with a **clean** heart and life! (Ps 139:23-24; **1 Chron 16:7-11**)
2. Worship continues as a **daily** life of service, surrender, and sacrifice! (Rom 12:1)

II. Where did music originate in the Bible and by whom?

- A. Worship and music began in the Old Testament with **God** and the angels! (Job 38:7)
- B. The first musician was **Jubal!** (Gen 4:21)

- C. Moses and his sister Miriam led in **singing** and worship after the great victory crossing the Red Sea! (Ex 15:1-2; 20-21)
- D. **David** was a true musician and made music an integral part of the life of God's people and an important way to worship God! (Psalm 8-9)
1. In 1 Chron 15:16 while David was King he led God's people to worship God in **song** and with instruments!
 2. David appointed 4,000 of his people (Levites) to further institute and **grow** and develop the ministry of music! (1 Chron 16:4-6)
- E. God's people would gather in the **temple** to worship Him! (2 Chron 5:11-14)

III. What was the purpose of music in the Old Testament? The Bible?

- Music—singing and instruments were powerful tools for God's people to worship God and **express** truth and emotions in different ways!
- A. To **praise** and give thanksgiving! (Ps 30)
- B. To **lament!** (**Ps 142:1-3**)
- C. To express awe and to **connect** personally with God when the congregation gathers! (2 Chron 5:11-14)
- D. Worship and music through **prayer!** (Psalm 28; 71)
- E. Music was used as **therapy** to calm the people of God to serve God with effectiveness!
1. Music helped calm the prophet **Elisha**, enabling him to do the Lord's work and prophesy. (2 Kings 3:15-16)

- 2. Music **soothed** God's people from tormented spirits!
(1 Sam 16:23) (David playing for Saul)

- F. Music and worship were used as a **weapon** of war! (2
Chron 20:21–22; **Psa 150**)