

There were many times as I traveled from village to village that I was serenaded by the beautiful music of nearby songbirds. They seemed to have an infinite variety of songs; it was difficult to believe the fullness of their repertoire. Some of the birds never appeared to repeat themselves as they moved from one melody to another. The music uplifted me greatly as I journeyed along.

I thought of our own worship, and the various songs and hymns that we sing. There is something about joy, sadness, and every other emotion that we have that invokes music inside of our souls. God wants us to show our feelings for Him, and though the physical sounds may not call to Him as they do us, the thoughts certainly do. And His heart swells with glory along with our hearts.

The Scriptures in many places tell us to “Sing to the Lord a new song<sup>1</sup>.” I had always thought that that meant one song about the new covenant, the new Kingdom, but the birds had me thinking beyond that. Perhaps the real meaning is that we sing a new song every day, as we see His mighty works, the marvelous things that He has done. The universe itself sings a different song every day, for it is continuously changing. We should translate our view of His wonders into musical thoughts<sup>2</sup>! There are so many possibilities, relating to the different things that happen to us each day of our lives.

King David is the great example of this perspective. He constantly meditated on new glories of the Creator, and many of these thoughts are recorded in the Psalms. Perhaps he wrote one every day, and we just don’t have all of them recorded for us. We need to be just as energetic as David in our praise<sup>3</sup>.

He, in particular, wrote that we should sing to encourage each other “in the assembly of His faithful people<sup>4</sup>.” Our songs should also enlighten those outside the assembly, for “many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him<sup>5</sup>” through them. We must work to achieve this in the New Kingdom, as well<sup>6</sup>.

Our spiritual restoration is a renewing, and this occurs daily through the power of God. The songs help us to not lose heart<sup>7</sup>.

The amazing thing is that God is singing to us in response. Remember that He will rejoice over us with singing<sup>8</sup>. His song is new for each one of us, as He in His infinity can cover the multitude of our personalities.

1. see Psalm 33:3, Psalm 96:1, Psalm 98:1, Psalm 105:2, Psalm 144:9, Psalm 149:1, and Isaiah 42:10
2. Sing him songs, belt out hymns, translate his wonders into music! Ps 105:2, The Message
3. Consider my story, “The Psalmist”
4. Psalm 149:1
5. Psalm 40:3
6. Ephesians 5:18-20; Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. 2 Corinthians 4:16, “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

8. Zephaniah 3:17, “He will rejoice over you with singing.”

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