

Week 4: Biblical Expressions of Praise & Worship through Creativity

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Music as Biblical Expressions of Praise

- Music has always been part of God's people.
 - The children of Israel singing after deliverance (Exodus 15)
 - David's psalms of praise (Psalm 150)
 - The early church's spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16)
- Praise ushers us into God's presence. (Psalm 95: 1-2; Psalm 100:4)
- Praise precedes the victory. (II Chronicles 20:21-22; Acts 16:25)
- Discuss: Why do you think God places such importance on singing and praise?

Worship Goes Beyond Words

- God desires complete surrender.
- Worship isn't dependent on circumstances.
- Worship involves our whole being.
- Worship is not just something we do in church—it is a lifestyle of glorifying God.

Creativity as Forms of Worship

- God created us in His image; therefore, our creativity reflects God's very nature.
- (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:14)
- Creativity can glorify God. (Exodus 31:1-5)
- Just as God gives spiritual gifts, He also gives each of us our own talents and abilities.
- Our gifts should always reflect biblical values and point people to Jesus.
 - Honor God (I Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17)
 - Reflect holiness (Romans 12:1-2; I Peter 1:15-16)
 - Communicate truth (John 17:17; Ephesians 4:15; Philippians 4:8)
 - Support the mission of God's church (Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; I Cor 12:4-7; Eph 4:11-12)

Key Takeaways

- God is not only worshiped through songs we sing, but He is worshiped through lives that are fully surrendered to Him. When we praise with our voices and serve with our gifts, we bring glory to God.
- Music and creativity are both gifts from God. When empowered by the Holy Ghost and submitted to God's purpose, they become powerful expressions of worship that can impact the church and reach the lost.

Things to Think About (Discussion Questions):

- Have you ever experienced a shift in your mood or faith through worship music?
- What creative gifts has God given you?
- Do you see those gifts as spiritual or separate from faith?
- How can you use those gifts for God's Kingdom?

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