# Singing—Who? Why? God’s View

Sun 5pm - June 29

1. **Is singing “manly”—do “real men” sing?**
   1. How is David described in the last line of 2Sam 23:1?
      1. What kind of things did he do as a young man? 1Sam 17:34-36
      2. What did he become as he matured? 1Sa 18:5,7
      3. What role did he fill when 30 years old? 2Sam 5:3-5
      4. What was God’s nation’s “songbook”?

This songbook was divided into five “Book”s —Note the line at the end of the 2nd Book, Ps 72:20

* 1. Other men—courageous, men of faith, leaders, men of position—who unashamedly either sang and/or wrote songs
     1. Ex 15:1f; Dt 32:44; Ps 90 (superscription)
     2. Ps 72,127 (superscription); Song of Solomon 1:1
     3. Mt 26:30
     4. Ac 16:25

1. **Songs reflect the heart and soul of a people, and as such, exerts power and influence in their lives**
   1. **In secular history**

“Yankee Doodle” - Revolutionary War … “Steal Away” - Anti-Slavery Movement … “Sixteen Tons - Labor Movement … “We Shall Overcome” - Civil Rights Movement … “Where Have All The Young Men Gone?” - Anti-Vietnam War Movement … “I Am A Woman” - E.R.A. Movement

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* 1. **In Biblical history**

National destiny - Prophetic of the destiny of Israel Gen 49:1f … National praise, thanksgiving - On occasion of national blessing, victory, prosperity Ex 15:1f; Ps 126; Jud 5:1f … National lament - On occasion of nat’l punish., defeat, adversity Ps 137 … Personal praise, thanksgiving - On occasion of personal blessing, prosperity 1Sa 2:1f; Lk 1:46f; 1:67f … Personal lament - On occasion of personal trouble, adversity Ps 41 … Royal psalms, focusing attention on the Israelite king as servant of Jehovah. Messianic Ps 72; 110

* 1. **In the Christian's life**

Strength in times of difficulty - Ac 16:25 … Joy in times of blessing - Jam 5:13 … Reflect moral and spiritual life - Eph 5:18-19 (note context); Col 3:15-17 … Edifying fellow Christians - 1Co 14:15-17,26 Observe that this gift was to be used in the best possible way to edify others. Compare natural gifts today. (Note 11:17, and the aim of assembling. This idea also in Eph 5:19, “speak. to one another,” and Col 3:16, “teaching and admon. on another”)

*NOTE:* **Nothing** said about **voice quality**, **knowledge of music**, etc….“good singer.” Not a spectator sport—*every* worshipper participates (**Col 3:16**)

1. **Note what “psalms” are also called - Psa 72:20.**

Apply to:

* + Half-hearted efforts in singing, or even not singing at all.
  + Putting on coats, gathering books, passing notes, clipping nails, leaving the assembly, etc., during singing.
  + Levity in singing whether in the assembly or in the home. Not merely for entertainment or to be entertained.

1. **God’s view of singing**
   1. Book of Psalms - Psalms

* Largest book in the Bible
* NT quoted 340 times in NT. Psalms 78 times, Isaiah 69, Deuteronomy 46. (*A Cappella Preservation Newsletter*, Vol. 1, No. 2)
  1. Other psalms inspired of God throughout the Scriptures by godly men, women, and even angels
  2. Accepted as a means to express our worship (“worth-ship”)
  3. Expected of saints - Col 3:16, Eph 5:19; Jam 5:13
  4. Associated with great events
* Exodus - Ex 15
* Birth of Jesus - (Mary, Angels, Simeon)
* Worship at the throne of God - Rev 5:9, 14:3, 15:3 (note, “song of Moses...and the song of the Lamb” - note first two events listed here)