



# THE GOD-GIVEN POWER OF MUSIC

## TEACHINGS ON HOW GOD USES MUSIC IN OUR LIVES

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### VIDEO #4 – MUSIC AND WORSHIP

“The object of all music should be the glory of God and pleasant recreation.”  
— Johann Sebastian Bach

To celebrate God's \_\_\_\_\_.

- Psalm 66:4 *All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.* <sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!
- Psalm 98:4 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, *burst into jubilant song with music;* <sup>5</sup> *make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,* <sup>6</sup> *with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn ...* <sup>8</sup> *Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;* <sup>9</sup> *let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.*
- All of creation sings God's praises: Isaiah 55:12 *You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.*
- Psalm 96:11 *Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.* <sup>12</sup> *Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.*

In \_\_\_\_\_ worship.

- 2 Samuel 22: 1 *David sang to the LORD the words of this song* when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. <sup>2</sup> He said: “The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; <sup>3</sup> my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—from violent people you save me. <sup>4</sup> I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and have been saved from my enemies.”
- The book of Psalms is a collection of praise songs. Many psalms are dedicated to the “director of music” (e.g., 11:1; 13:1; 42:1; etc.). Some of the titles give an indication of its melody (e.g., 9:1: 22:1; 45:1; etc.). And some titles indicate specific musical accompaniment (e.g., 4:1; 22:1; 56:1; etc.). Throughout the history of Israel, through New Testament times, and even today, the Psalms have been a hymnal for use in individual worship; they can be yours too.
- Job 35:10 But no one says, “Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night...”

In \_\_\_\_\_ worship.

- Around the Tabernacle: Numbers 10:1-8 The LORD said to Moses: <sup>2</sup> “*Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out.* <sup>3</sup> *When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble before you at the entrance to the tent of meeting.* <sup>4</sup> *If only one is sounded, the leaders—the heads of the clans of Israel—are to assemble before you.* <sup>5</sup> *When a trumpet blast is sounded, the tribes camping on the east are to set out.* <sup>6</sup> *At the sounding of a second blast, the camps on the south are to set out. The blast will be the signal for setting out.* <sup>7</sup> *To gather the assembly, blow the trumpets, but not with the signal for setting out.* <sup>8</sup> “The sons of Aaron, the priests, are to *blow the trumpets.* This is to be a lasting ordinance for you and the generations to come.
- When the ark was returning to Jerusalem, *David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals* (2 Samuel 6:5).
- 1 Chronicles 6:31-32 These are the men David put *in charge of the music in the house of the LORD* after the ark came to rest there. <sup>32</sup> *They ministered with music before the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, until Solomon built the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem. They performed their duties according to the regulations laid down for them.*

- Preparing for the temple: 1 Chronicles 25:6-7 All these men were under the supervision of their father *for the music of the temple of the LORD, with cymbals, lyres and harps, for the ministry at the house of God.* Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman were under the supervision of the king. <sup>7</sup> Along with their relatives—all of them trained and skilled in music for the LORD—they numbered 288.
- When the temple was being built: Ezra 3:10-11 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, *the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the LORD,* as prescribed by David king of Israel. <sup>11</sup> *With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever."* And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.
- At the dedication of the temple: 2 Chronicles 5:12-14 All the Levites who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives—stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and *playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets.* <sup>13</sup> *The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever."* Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud, <sup>14</sup> and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.
- When the walls were rebuilt: Nehemiah 12:27 At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem *to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres.*
- In the New Testament church: Ephesians 5:19-20 speaking to one another with *psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,* <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Colossians 3:16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom *through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

When \_\_\_\_\_ or preparing to.

- 2 Kings 3:15-16 "But now *bring me a harpist.*" While the harpist was playing, *the hand of the LORD came on Elisha* <sup>16</sup> and he said, "This is what the LORD says: I will fill this valley with pools of water."
- 1 Samuel 10:5 After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, *you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, timbrels, pipes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying.* <sup>6</sup> *The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.*
- 1 Chronicles 25:1 David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun *for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals.* Here is the list of the men who performed this service ... <sup>3</sup> under the supervision of their father Jeduthun, *who prophesied, using the harp in thanking and praising the LORD.*

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