



***TRUE NORTH***

**Part 5 - When God's People Sing**

*But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*

*John 4:23-24 ESV*

# Why We Make Singing a Priority

*Then the Levites...stood up to praise  
the LORD God of Israel with voices  
loud and high.*

*2 Chronicles 20:19 NKJV*

A dramatic sky scene with a sunburst effect over a sea of clouds. The sun is positioned behind a layer of white, fluffy clouds, creating a bright, glowing effect with rays of light extending outwards. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and red near the horizon. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

**Psalms is the Songbook  
for the Church**

*Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!*

*Psalm 47:6-7 ESV*

A dramatic sky scene featuring a sunburst effect. The sun is positioned centrally behind a thick layer of white and grey clouds. Bright rays of light radiate from the sun, creating a lens flare effect. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and red near the horizon. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

God Sings Over Us

*The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with  
loud singing.*

*Zephaniah 3:17 ESV*



A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of blue and orange, with a bright sunburst effect in the center. Below the horizon, there is a vast sea of white and grey clouds. The overall mood is serene and inspiring.

Music is Often an  
Ignition Switch for the Heart

*My heart is steadfast, O God,  
my heart is steadfast! I will sing and  
make melody! Awake, my glory!  
Awake, O harp and lyre!  
I will awake the dawn!*

*Psalm 57:7-8 ESV*

# Snapshots of the Power of Sacred Singing

# 1. Singing Accompanies

## Creation

*Where were you when I laid  
the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
Who determined its measurements—  
surely you know! Or who stretched  
the line upon it?...*

*Job 38:4-7 ESV*

*...On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,  
when the morning stars sang  
together, and all the sons of  
God shouted for joy?*

*Job 38:4-7 ESV*

A dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. A layer of dark, textured clouds is visible in the foreground, with the sun's rays breaking through them. The overall mood is powerful and spiritual.

# 2. Singing Releases Prophetic Power

*[Elisha] “But now bring me a musician.” And when the musician played, the hand of the LORD came upon him. And he said, “Thus says the LORD, ‘I will make this dry streambed full of pools.’”*

*2 Kings 3:15-16 ESV*



A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of blue and orange. A bright sunburst effect is centered behind the text, with rays of light extending downwards. Below the text, a sea of dark, textured clouds stretches across the horizon. The overall mood is serene and powerful.

# 3. Singing Banishes Barrenness

*“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD...*

*Isaiah 54:1-3 ESV*

*...“Enlarge the place of your tent and  
let the curtains of your habitations  
be stretched out; do not hold back;  
lengthen your cords and strengthen  
your stakes...*

*Isaiah 54:1-3 ESV*

*...For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.”*

*Isaiah 54:1-3 ESV*

A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of orange, yellow, and blue. A bright sun is positioned in the center, creating a strong sunburst effect with rays of light extending across the sky. Below the horizon, a vast sea of white and grey clouds stretches across the frame. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted hills or mountains. The overall mood is one of hope and triumph.

# 4. Singing Leads to Victory

*And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say...*

*2 Chronicles 20:21-23 ESV*

*...“Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever.”...*

*2 Chronicles 20:21-23 ESV*

*...And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed...*

*2 Chronicles 20:21-23 ESV*



*...For the men of Ammon and Moab rose against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, devoting them to destruction, and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they all helped to destroy one another.*

*2 Chronicles 20:21-23 ESV*

A dramatic sky with a sunburst effect over a sea of clouds. The sun is positioned in the center, creating a bright glow and radiating light rays that spread across the sky. The clouds below are dark and dense, contrasting with the bright light above. The overall color palette is a mix of deep blues, greys, and warm oranges from the sun.

# 5. Singing Breaks Bondages

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken...*

*Acts 16:25-26 ESV*

*...And immediately all the doors  
were opened, and everyone's bonds  
were unfastened.*

*Acts 16:25-26 ESV*