

Different Part 3: Why We Sing

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- **“Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!” - Revelation 4:6-8 (NKJV)**
- The angels worship by singing because of what they see.
 - We worship the same way. We see something that makes God different, and we respond in song.
 - **“O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise Your Name, for You have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.” - Isaiah 25:1 (ESV)**
 - The beauty of singing is that it is both our response to what makes God different and our door to enter into His presence to see more of what makes Him different.
 - **“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” - Psalm 100:4 (NKJV)**
 - The more we sing, the more we see!
 - **“But You are holy, O You who inhabits the praises of Israel.” - Psalms 22:3 (MEV)**
 - Inhabit - (Yoseb) - “dwelling place, home, to cause to dwell and so live in a place because of relationship.”
 - Our songs create a space where God dwells with us in relationship.
 - This relationship always leads to greater understanding of what makes God different.
 - God encounters us in our singing, and reveals Himself to us.
 - He confirms the words of our songs with manifestations and signs that follow.

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- **“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.” - Mark 16:20 (NKJV)**
 - When we sing about God’s love, He manifests His love.
 - When we sing about God’s power, He manifests His power.
 - When we sing about God’s goodness, He manifests His goodness.
- The way we respond to what God reveals about Himself is different from encounter to encounter. Let’s look at what I mean from two different passages:
 - **“Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.” - Exodus 19:16-18 (NKJV)**
 - **“Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.” - 1 Kings 19:11-12 (NKJV)**
 - Here are two different times that God manifested His presence in two totally different ways.
 - Sometimes He shows up in the thunder and fire, and sometimes He shows up in the whisper.
 - How do we learn how to respond according to what God is revealing?
 - We flow with what God is doing by His Holy Spirit.
 - **“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...” - John 7:38-39a (NKJV)**

- God is going to teach us how to flow with Him in worship.