

Sermon Notes
June 7, 2026
Psalm 96
“Why Sing?”

God **instructs** us to sing. (Eph. 5:19-21, Col. 3:16)

Singing helps us **remember**

Singing is part of our **teaching/learning**

Singing **engages both** our mind and spirit (1 Cor. 14:15)

My singing is also for **others**



Why Sing



- 1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
- 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is
established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with
equity."

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar,
and all that fills it;
12 let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the
forest sing for joy
13 before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He
will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his
faithfulness.

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Ephesian 5:19-21

19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Colossians 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Singing helps us remember

Russell Moore

“This Book is named for a song I hate. And, Lord knows, I love songs. I grew up with the lyrics of songs all around me, the most vivid of which were those sung every Sunday in the little red-brick church I attended, multiple times every week. Many of those hymns I find myself singing at the most surprising of moments. I will find myself turning to them whenever I am at a moment of personal crisis—when I need to be

Russell Moore

reminded that God loves me “just as I am”—or at a moment of temptation—when I must remind myself that “I have decided to follow Jesus”—or at a moment of joy, when I want to sing out, “How marvelous! How wonderful!”

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1 Corinthians 14:15

15 What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

John Piper

“...in the fight for the joy it is good and right to pursue a deeper sense of God’s glory with the help of music. If this were not right, the Bible would not command us so often to sing”

My singing is also for **others**

Kinnaman and Matlock

“‘Solo discipleship’ may as well be an oxymoron, because those two words are completely antithetical, like pretty ugly, jumbo shrimp, a deafening silence, or acting naturally. Yet so often church is created for the individual. Songs are sung vertically ally to God’ we no longer sing “horizontally” to one another. Even sacraments like baptism are often described in terms of individual spiritual journeys, disembodied from the corporate experience of the body of Christ. Both the vertical and the horizontal are important.”

Acts 16:25-26

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.