

NOW WORD Covenant Church
CORPORATE WORSHIP
Musical Worship
Sunday, March 3, 2019

Introduction: Corporate worship is **authentic, sacrificial** and **demonstrative**. Worship is **transforming** effects upon our characters and conditions because we're in God's **presence**. Today, we're going to talk about the **purpose** of singing accompanied with music in the worship experience.

Ephesians 5:18-20. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NLT)

Review: Corporate Worship

Psalms 34:3. Oh, **magnify** the Lord **with me**, and **let us exalt** His name **together**.

Worship: **expressions** from the **heart** that **exalts** God by showing His supreme worth (for who He is and what He has done) in **everything** you do.

Reference: 1 Corinthians 10:31

Transforming Worship: 1. **Authentic**, (heart-involved and head-informed) 2. **Sacrificial** (offer up our bodies) and 3. **Demonstrative** (involves the mind, evokes the emotions and engages the body in acts of worship that reverence Him).

In His Presence: Worshipers are aware of God's: 1. **Omnipresence** (He is everywhere) 2. **Inner** presence (He is in us) and 3. **Manifested** presence (He dwells with us). *We are to move with the presence of God.*

References: Genesis 3:8, Revelation 3:20

Introduction: Musical Worship:

Psalms 98:5-6. Sing your praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song, with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn. Make a joyful symphony before the Lord, the King! (NLT) References: 1 Chronicles 6:31, Mark 14:25-26, Acts 16:25, Revelation 5:13

Points to the Message: Musical Worship is:

1. Inspired by the _____v.18. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit

- Singing and music must be inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Holy Spirit comes to help us to express our worship

2. Singing God's Word along with _____ v.19. Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. Reference: Deuteronomy 32:44-47, St. John 6:63

- Musical worship is singing God's Word along with music
- Musical worship is not evangelistic (not sanitize secular music)

"Music is a means to **express** our worship, but music is **not** worship."

- Musical worship is joint participation, not performance based
- Musical worship is first to God and then to one another
- Musical worship **penetrates** God's Word into the **minds** of God's people

"Musical worship leaves you **thinking** about God and **not** about yourself."

3. Comes from a grateful _____ 19b. and making music to the Lord in your **hearts**. **v20**. And **give thanks** for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NLT) References: Jeremiah 29:13, Matthew 15:8-9, Amos 5:23, 2 Chronicles 5:13-14

- Musical worship comes from a grateful heart, offering God thanksgiving.

"The **essence** of worship is a grateful heart."

"God shuts down musical worship because of the heart, **not** singing and music."

- Musical worship is evocative **not** manipulative

"Our ears should **not** be more **attentive** to the **melody** than our **minds** are to the **words** of the song."

Musical Worship: "An expression of the heart, singing thanksgivings to God according to His Word accompanied with music."

Review: Musical Worship is:

1. Inspired by the _____
2. Singing God's Word along with _____
3. Comes from a grateful _____

NEXT WEEK: Worship and Spiritual Warfare