



I WILL SING TO THE
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Exodus 15:1

Singing for a Reason

- Paul used singing in the midst of making a case (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
- Most of the songs we see in a narrative are a response to events (Ex. 15:1; Judges 5:1; 1 Sam. 18:7).
- The primary theme of singing in scripture is praise and thanksgiving (Psa. 47:6-7).
- All of our singing should praise God and all should instruct (Psa. 51:13-15; 30:4).

Singing to Express Emotion

- Singing is universally recognized as a way to express emotion (Ex. 32:18).
- It is a way to awaken our senses (Judges 5:12; Eph. 5:14-19; 2 Chron. 29:30; Jas. 5:13; Matt. 11:17).
- We can sing even if when we don't feel all that the song expresses (Matt. 26:30; Psa. 118:22-27).
- But we want to avoid hypocrisy (Amos 5:23-24).

Singing from the Fullness

- Our songs should come from filling ourselves with the revelation of the Spirit (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
- We need to develop an urge to sing about what we learn (Jer. 20:9; 1 Cor. 9:16).
- We need to build preferences for words that are drawn from the word of God (2 Tim. 4:3).