

“Sing To The Lord”

Lesson Text: **Psalm 96:1-9.**

I. Why Should We Sing To The Lord?

- Not To Entertain Us.
- Not To Impress Everyone With Our Ability.
- But To Fulfill God’s Purposes Within Us.
 - Have You Thought About Why God Chose For Us To Sing?
 - Songs Can Touch Our Hearts More Deeply Than Just About Any Other Means.
Ephesians 5:19. “.....*Making melody in your heart to the Lord.*”
 - Singing Involves Our Participation As A One-Another-Duty.
Ephesians 5:19, “*Speaking to one another....*”
 - Songs Convey Spiritual Truths That Can Stay With Us In Our Hearts!
“How Beautiful Heaven Must Be” “Sweet Hour Of Prayer” “I Surrender All”
“None Of Self And All Of Thee” “The Old Rugged Cross” “Be Near Me Lord”
“The Battle Belongs To The Lord” “Take Time To Be Holy” “Almost Persuaded” “Count Your Blessings.”
- To Show Our Praise & Adoration Of The Greatness Of Our God! **Psalm 145:1-7.**
- To Express Our Thankfulness For What God Has Done For Us!
 - **Psalm 126:1-3; Psalm 71:23-24.**

II. Who Should Sing To The Lord?

- “All The Earth” **Psalm 96:10-13.**
- Children- **Matthew 21:14-16.**
- Christians Who Are Merry- **James 5:13.**
- Those Who Are In Difficult Situations- **Acts 16:22-25.**
- All Christians In The Assembly In Worship- **Hebrews 2:12— Psalm 22:22.**
 - **Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:15-17** (The Context Of An Assembly).
- The Reasons Christians Give For Not Singing To The Lord:
 - “I Don’t Have A Good Singing Voice.”
 - “I Couldn’t Carry A Tune With A Handle On It.”
 - They Don’t Need Me To Sing With Them Anyway, I’d Just Make It Sound Bad.”
- But These Are Just Excuses— God Wants Us All To Sing. **Hebrews 13:15-16.**

III. How Should We Sing To The Lord?

- Not Grudgingly Or Compulsion- Parallel To **2 Corinthians 9:7.**
 - But Rather, Sincerely And From The Heart- **Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16.**
 - Singing Truthfully How We Really Feel. “*O, How I Love Jesus*” “*A Soul Winner For Jesus.*”
- Not Just By Rote Or Routine.... Without Thinking Of The Words.
 - But Rather, Singing With Understanding- **1 Corinthians 14:15.**
- Sing With Thankfulness & Joy- **Zephaniah 3:14-15.**
 - **Revelation 15:3-4.**