

Five Principles of Singing 09-03-17

What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:15

What was the first song in the Bible? It may be the song referenced in Revelation 5:9, 14:3, 15:3. There two songs are mentioned, the old song and the new song. The Old Song is of Moses, and the New Song is of Jesus. The Song of Moses was first given in Exodus 15. It followed the destruction of the Egyptian army after the Israelites had passed through the sea. They had been delivered by God, and baptized into the New Covenant.

What are the principles of worship? Consider these passages: *“God loves a cheerful _____”* and *“He who _____ in an unworthy manner...”*. What goes in the blank? An action of worship? Actually, we ought to see that ANY action of worship fits these principles. Giver, Singer, Listener, Prayer, Partaker are all things that we ought to be cheerful to participate, and to avoid doing so unworthily.

This lesson focuses on singing. Are you a cheerful singer? Or do you sing in an unworthy manner? To avoid this, let us consider 5 principles of singing.

1. Singing is about giving thanks
 - Moses' first teaching was one of thanks
 - James 5:13

2. Singing is about teaching others
 - Understand why we sing
 - Colossians 3:16

3. Singing is about indwelling the Spirit
 - Through His manifestation in truth
 - Ephesians 5:18-19

4. Singing is about trusting God
 - A testimony to all of our faith
 - Acts 16:25

5. Singing is about sacrificing
 - Sacrifices must have value to us
 - Hebrews 13:15