

Why we sing?

Sing praises to God, sing praises to God, sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Psalms 47:6

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:19-20

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

“Ours is a singing faith. At every turn, on every occasion, and in every age the Christian church has been marked by a prolific love of music. Wherever the Gospel has been preached, it has simultaneously been sung. Wherever the praises of our God have been expressed in words, they have simultaneously been expressed in melodies. According to Martin Luther, ‘Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in this world.’”

George Grant

Music has power to:

1. Create and intensify emotions

“The duty of singing praises to God seems to be given wholly to excite and express religious affections. There is no other reason why we should express ourselves to God in verse rather than in prose and with music, except that these things have a tendency to move our affections.” Jonathan Edwards

“The reason we sing is because there are depths and heights and intensities and kinds of emotion that will not be satisfactorily expressed by mere prosaic forms, or even poetic readings. There are realities that demand to break out of prose into poetry and some demand that poetry be stretched into song.”

“Singing is the Christian’s way of saying: God is so great that thinking will not suffice, there must be deep feeling; and talking will suffice, there must singing.”

John Piper

2. Engage the memory

3. Comfort the soul

4. Edifies others

“I suspect that we will sing in heaven, because our first response on beholding the glory of God will not be to break up into discussion groups, but to break out into adoration and praise.”

Michael Raiter