

PROPHETIC SONG

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Old Testament Principle: God inhabits the _____ (Psalm 22:3)

New Testament Principle: God inhabits the _____!

THREE CATEGORIES OF SONG

“Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:18-19)

Psalms – Greek: *Psalmos*

- Songs of praise from scripture, referring primarily to the Old Testament Psalms.
- Secondly, refers to a musical composition having the character of the Old Testament Psalms (adoration, praise and exaltation), or having the spirit of the Old Testament Psalms (yearning after God, joy, passion for God’s presence, faith in God, love for God’s Word).
- Psalms are primarily sung to God to exalt Him.

Hymns – Greek: *Hymnos*

- Songs of praise which glorify God but which are also directed towards man.
- Hymns contain a component of praise but go beyond praise to speak on different themes, such as God’s acts, graces, character and purposes.
- Hymns may also petition or challenge man to further respond towards God

(Both Psalms and Hymns can have a _____ when the presence of the Lord comes on the body of Christ with a prophetic anointing...)

Spiritual Song – Greek: *ode pneumatikos*

ode = an ode or song

pneumatikos, from the word *pneuma* (spirit; wind; breath), which connotes the spirit, which like the wind is invisible, immaterial, and powerful.

Spiritual song =

- Also known as **Prophetic Song**.
- Songs of praise of a spontaneous or unpremeditated nature, sung by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in the prophetic anointing.

The term “Spiritual Song” is a broader term that encompasses all music that is improvised under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual Songs, along with Psalms and Hymns, are the normal expressions of a congregation filled with the Spirit and the Word of God.

LEVELS OF PROPHETIC SONG

Singing in the Spirit (We talk to God):

(also known as Spontaneous Worship / The New Song / Sound of Many Waters)

- An unrehearsed series of inspired words put to song, directed primarily to God.
- Expresses adoration, exaltation of God, thanksgiving, desire for God...
- Singing in the Spirit is your song to God as you pour out your heart to Him.
- Singing in the Spirit also includes singing in tongues (your prayer language).

Song of the Lord (God talks to us):

- A prophetic song directed primarily to God's people as the singer becomes a channel for the Lord to convey a message in song.
- Often it comes as a solo, something sung for the congregation to hear and absorb.
- A word of encouragement, exhortation or comfort in song.
- A word of prophecy in song.

So... there is singing _____ the Lord, singing ____ the Lord, and the singing ____ the Lord... progressively higher expressions of the Holy Spirit within the believer.

GOD WANTS TO SING THROUGH YOU

“The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” **(Zeph. 3:17)**

- Jesus is singing over us all the time
- We can tap into His song by the Holy Spirit and release it.

“I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will sing praise to You.” **(Hebrews 2:12)**

- This verse is quoting Psalm 22:22 (a Messianic Psalm) to reveal Jesus singing in the church.
- Jesus stands in the midst of the congregation and sings praise to the Father.
- The expression of the heart of Jesus to the Father is something that takes place in the Body of Christ.
- Jesus Himself sings a new song through us... a prophetic song.
- When Jesus starts singing in the midst of His church, it becomes a dialogue between the Bride and the Bridegroom (Jeremiah 33:10-11)

Prophetic song is based on the faith that,

“_____.”

God desires to speak and sing prophetically in His church, and He wants to use our voices to do so as we yield to Him. We can all have a part in this ministry. **Who He sings through...is you!**

WHAT DOES PROPHETIC SONG ACCOMPLISH?

1. The activity of the prophetic word / Jeremiah's calling and commission as a prophet
"See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." (Jeremiah 1:10)

God moves through prophetic worship:

- to _____ things up inside of us that must be stirred up so that we can be freed from them.
- to _____ old sin and destroy it.
- to _____ the character of Jesus within us.
- to _____ of the word even deeper than just the spoken prophetic word, because music moves the soul, causes us to feel, and captivates our spirit.

Prophetic worship _____ things! We don't just enjoy it; we are changed by it!

2. In Scripture, we see that prophetic music:

- Breaks spiritual bondages (I Samuel 16:23)...David played for Saul
- Brings spiritual victory (II Chron. 20:14-23)
- Brings us closer to the Lord (Song of Solomon 2:12-14)
- Uplifts the defeated spirit (Psalms 25:1, Isaiah 61:3)
- Brings the presence and glory of God upon a congregation (II Chron. 5:13-14)
- Testifies to others of the greatness of God (Psalms 92:1-3)
- Quickens the prophetic word (II Kings 3:11-16, I Samuel 10:5-6, 10)

3. Prophetic song can be a catalyst that releases or supports other ministries

- **EVANGELISM:** The new sound of prophetic song grips some people as nothing else can, often preparing the ground for the evangelist.
- **COMFORT AND INNER HEALING:** A prophetic song can be the arms of God that embrace the broken ones.
- **DELIVERANCE:** Prophetic song can prepare the way, making deliverance ministry take place easily and effectively
- **PHYSICAL HEALING:** Prophetic song can bring healing because it focuses on Jesus (the Israelites were healed when they looked at the brazen serpent).
- **INTERCESSION:** Prophetic song is a powerful vehicle for intercession
- **HEARING A PERSONAL WORD FROM GOD:** Singing in the Spirit releases a prophetic atmosphere where God can speak to our emotions, impart wisdom for our relationships, and give practical guidance.
- **BREAKTHROUGH:** Prophetic song gives every believer the chance to learn to overcome condemnation and negative feelings to break through into the anointing.

DEVELOPING A VOCABULARY FOR PROPHETIC SONG

*"...I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding."
(1 Cor. 14:14-15)*

We are to be filled with the Spirit and the Word of God in order to sing spiritual songs. Every Spirit-filled musician has the ability within him to bring forth spiritual songs.

1. Sing in your prayer language

- I Corinthians 14:2-4
- It's the unveiling of divine information to your spirit.
- It's where the revelatory realm is unlocked and your spirit man is activated and sensitized to the spirit of God.

2. Sing the Logos, the Word of God

- Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16
- Sing songs that are rooted in the Word of God, because the Word of God is always anointed.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring revelation to your spirit as you read / sing the scriptures.
- Locate the key worship passages and sing them:
 - Psalms
 - Song of Solomon
 - Revelation 4, 5
 - Apostolic prayers (ex – Eph.1:15-23, Eph.3:14-21, Phil.1:9-11, Col.1:12)
 - Doxologies (ex – Jude 24-25)

3. Sing spontaneous songs from the heart

- It's like writing your own poem to someone you love, rather than reading someone else's poem to them.
- God ushers in the power of His presence when the melody of the heart is sung to God by the people of God.