

A Time to Restore Your Soul

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Theme: Praising God through Music

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Music is such an important part in the worship service of the United Church of God and in our personal lives as Christians. We can't underestimate its significance in the vital part it plays in deepening our relationship with God.

Singing has been an integral part of godly worship through the ages - from the angels singing at the creation of the earth (Job 38:7) to the children of Israel singing praise to God for deliverance from the Egyptian army (Exodus 15), to brethren in the New Testament being instructed to "sing and make melody to God in their hearts. (Ephesians :19)."

Does that sound familiar? That statement is in the front of our church hymnal and seemed like a perfect way to open our discussion on praising God through music.

The United Church of God has printed a Doctrinal Study Paper on this vital subject that I have used, and recommend to you for further insight into the subject.

Let's hit the highlights, and discuss the following points regarding how we praise God through music.

1) What are some Biblical examples of how to express praise and worship go God?

Psalms 150:2, Psalms 149 150, I Chronicles 15:16, 28.

2) How do we personally benefit from praising God through music?

3) Why kind of music is appropriate for worshipping God and honoring Him?

I Chronicles 16: 9, 23, Psalms 9:2, Colossians 3:16

4) How is Godly music identified?

Philippines 4:8, I John 2:15

5) What are some Biblical examples where music was used for specific purposes?

Matthew 26:30, Zephaniah 3:17, Exodus 15, Acts 16:25

6) Share how godly music has inspired, encouraged or impacted you.

Thank God for music and how it helps us praise and worship our Great Creator.