

## Why Should We Sing Psalms (2022.02. 06 Sabbath school Class)

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Q&A through "Why Should We Sing Psalms," in the RHB series, "Cultivating Biblical Godliness."

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So we're gonna do this old-fashioned style. Additionally, we are going to do this a little different than usual.

I'm gonna need a number of volunteers. We're gonna do this in sets rather than just kind of one off. I'd rather do without as we can, Oh, you don't want them lights not picking up and we try. We're Sup I need two specific. Volunteers who are willing to read the same.

Verse repeatedly. Okay, we've got two very good. Peter queue up Ephesians 5 and not Elizabeth. That's just no. It is you. Caroline is your sister, we're getting there, all right? And if you would go to Colossians chapter 3, Next up, let's get

Let me get two more volunteers. Information. You just have to read once, right? Nathan queue up first chronicles 25. I'll give you verses when we get there, One more, Luke Goodwin performing, worked out. Well, all right, so our bullet for this week is why we should sing the songs For us.

Particularly, I don't know. This is that much of a challenge because we sing these Psalms more than we do any other any hymns or any other types of songs. So this Here, it's not that much of an issue. But outside this church I particularly have never been a church that regularly sang, the Psalms This is very much a new experience for me.

And so I went after this particular one historically, the church has been singing. Psalms Since they're inceptional all the way up through about 1800 AD and then they stopped, does anyone want to venture guess as to why they stopped Again? 1800s, environment and white men in the rise of God-centered doctrine.

Really at the Anabaptist. You got the Armenians sovereign God doesn't jive well with your, you know, we can do our make our own fate and all that. The more you start to get into that the more that it? Sure. Oh I've addressed I was gonna answer the question. Oh, please your answer.

I would say that we went more of a theolog type of church more healing base. Absolutely that through Yes, sir. As long. Absolutely. And The interesting thing is this seems to be anomalous only happening in the English speaking church. You don't see this. A lot in, I would assume the Chinese church are.

Other ethnicities are whatnot. We specifically kind of bailed on this. Really overlapping with a lot of the Armenian rise in this country. So Question asked me asked is it a good thing to read the or to sing the songs? We're going to go through that, but We're gonna have three basic points here.

The biblical basis for singing, the Psalms then we're going to talk about the experiential benefits of singing. The Psalms. And finally, The beauty and glory of singing the songs. So, first up the, the psalms were given for Israel and all the nations to sing. So of course, we know, Israel, largely would have been singing the Psalms but just Q through a few things who had Ephesians 5 for me me versus 18 through 21.

And do not be drunk with wine, which is dissipation, but be filled with the spirit speaking to one another in Psalms, and hands, and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your heart, to the Lord giving. Thanks always for all things to God. The Father in the name of our Lord.

Jesus Christ. Submitting to one another in the fear of God, Very good. So one of the things we're going to draw out about later, is that the Psalms were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Now, we know that the chief author. Well, someone under 14. Who knows? Who wrote over half the songs?

David. Yes. So David wrote over half of them. We have 10 written by the sons of Cora 12 by Asap, two by Solomon. And one each by human Ethan and Moses. One third of the Psalms are anonymous. Who had first chronicles? Would you give us chapter 25 verses, 1, 6 and 7, I have Colossians.

Never mind who had first chronicles then they will have first chronicles, Nathan. Would you give us chapter 25 verses 1, 6 and 7? David just also set apart for the service of the sons of the great sound and, you know,

Too good in front sized and wires and flip arms with a symbols list of those who do not work in degrees. One six and seven. So all over the direction of their father, is that music of your house of the Lord Singles hearts reliable service for how to draw Mesa treated?

Remember this longer training with creativity for our skillful to Very good. So we have, we want to go with the microphone. So it sounds like it's working. Nope, definitely not. We're just gonna roll. All right. So David proposed a selection of psalms about 10 chapters prior to be used in a special service of Thanksgiving to inaugurate their use.

This, I want to say a Solomon by this point, but we have temple musicians who also were profits and what specifically was it? They were writing, Yes, but what the songs of

You give the reference again, First Chronicles, 25, 1, 6, and 7.

Well, it may be harder to draw than I anticipated, but it was supposed to be the songs of the Lord music in. There we go. So these are things that were specifically set aside for God, or we've got a few things here. We're gonna move past that I need.

Everyone else kind of scattered themselves through the Psalms. So first, somebody queue up some 92.

Who's got. So I'm 92 verse 1, please. It is good to give, thanks to the Lord, and it seemed praise to your name, almost time. And you have a heading for that song. It's Psalm a song for the Sabbath day, So it's a Psalm for the Sabbath day and we were to get praise to the most high clearly on that day.

So we've got it, set aside for God's worship where she know the rich sources of doctrine and practical instruction. When Hezekiah restored, the worst with Judah. He also commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the Lord. With the words of David and of Asaph, the seer, which is a clear reference of the Psalms.

And we've, we're gonna shotgun some verses here. So give me five volunteers, Psalm 96:1. Please Psalm 100 verse 1. 117 verse, 1, 22-27, and 66 verse 4, please. All right, so let's start with 96.1 Mr. Oscar, most sing unto the Lord, a new song, and seeing that to the Lord, all the earth.

So who's to sing only five years? So that's case. Is this only meant for Israel? It's it's everyone. Yeah it's all the earth. So next up, 100 verse 1. Psalm 100 the song for giving things to make a joyful noise to Yahweh all here. Very good. Next up, we've got one 17.

One, Praise the Lord. All you can piles Law and all you people. All right. So we've got right up there that the expectation is that the Gentiles are going to join and singing with Psalms and the final two sets I believe you had. Yes, you were next. 22-27, please.

All the ends of the world, shall remember and turn to the Lord and all the families of the nations shall worship before you Very good. And just say, please for all your worship you and seeing phrases to you, they child sing praises to your name and say. And what is the tenths of that grammatically?

There's an expectation here that we are going to see all the earth turn to it.

Are we do see that in Romans, we're not going to go there. But Paul uses some prophecies in Isaiah and the Psalms to testify that he should be administer of the gospel. And finally, we're going to see someone queue up Corinthians 14. He's got I will assign if I don't see a hand, You know, if you're doing First a chapter 14, we'll get there in a second.

So Paul commanded two churches to sing the Salter? Would you give us five nineteen again? Yes. Please one. Another in Psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and Mickey Melody in your heart, to the Lord. And where was that church? Very good. Would you give this Colossians 3:16 please?

Let the Lord of Christ dwell in you richly teaching and it admit admonishing one another and all wisdom singing songs and hands and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to buy. And do you know what church that was written for it's colossy. Hence, why it's called Colossians. So we've got two separate churches, Gentile, churches in Greece, off Rome, technically at the time, which were specifically said, and told to be preaching, excuse me to be singing the Psalms Next.

First Corinthians 14. He's fighting from me. There is verse 15 and then 26. What is the conclusion that I was pray with the Spirit? And I will also pray with the understanding. I will send you Mr. Spirit. And how to also,

26.

How is it then brother? Whenever you come together? Each of you has a song has a teaching as a town has a revelation, has an interpretation, let all these things be done for edification. So, we've got hole here commenting on. Even the Corinthians use of the Psalms. So at this point, it should be fairly clear.

That everyone is to sing a song. This is not just again, I don't think we have this problem here. This is not something that is some arcade thing meant. For one. Particular people at some particular time, just something that's going to transcend the time which it was given. Next up we're gonna look at the

Psalms revealing Christ in his glory.

So it wants to take a guess at what percent of the Psalm. Well, what percent of the Old Testament quoted in the New Testament is Psalms of all the Old Testament quotations in the the Old Testament, what's percentage of the Psalms six zero zero okay oh six zero. All right, I think the pastor's looking for the answer.

It's 40%, which is close So many that being said, this was interesting, Hebrews actually quotes 10, different songs and there are a bunch of different illusions with Psalms as well. Luke, would you do a 24 chapter 24, verse 24?

And certain of those who are with us, went to the tomb and found it just won't let him but him they did not. I think I gave you the wrong one reversed 44. Let's see if that makes sense.

Then he said to them, these are the words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you. That all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms concern. So we have even things of priced written in the Psalms and my apologies, I give you the wrong verse.

We've had a quote here from Martin Luther. Yay, the Psalms ought to be precious and dear work for nothing else. But the clear promise it holds forth respecting Christ's death and resurrection and its prefiguration of his kingdom and of the whole estate and system of Christianity In so much that it might be entitled.

A little Bible, We're in the, in everything in Scripture is beautifully and briefly comprehended. And compacted into an incaridian right hand manual. All right, so everyone kind of hover over the solems because we're gonna jump to a few ones. Go to 110 verse 1. Somebody who's got?

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Let's roster, Psalm 110 versus one. The Lord says to my Lord sitting down in my right hand until I make nine enemies by quickly. So without right there, one of the psalms that Jesus quotes as an illusion to himself. Not an illusionate, not sure what the word is. We'll go with illusion for now, but reference to himself Next up.

Let's get marked. 1534, Thomas, gonna pick on you and someone else. Get Psalm, 22 verse 1. And then verse 7,

I've got a stem Stand by ready. Mark. 15 verse 34.

And at the ninth hour. Jesus cried with allowed voice. How is you can bypass the, which means my God, my God, why have you forsaken? You Very good. Would you give this first one? My god. My god. Why have you forsaken me? And would you give this first seven as well?

All those seem off all you see me mock me? They make my mouth. They make mouths at me, they wag their heads. So even the Psalms which were written thousands of years prior to his crucifixion. Our pointing us to Christ. I've got a couple of things here. So the Psalms don't just point us to Christ.

Anytime we're praising, God is our rock, our shield, our king and our redeemer. We're also singing two Christ. They're also teaching us to sing with Christ, and they're also teaching saying of Christ. We're going to go here, but at the institution of Lord's Supper. So, this is right at the end of old new covenant.

They sang as someone when they were with about to go up the amount of olives I believe. So next, we're going to look at some of the experiential benefits. So the first one would you give us Colossians 3:16 again?

Let the Lord of Christ dwell in you richly teaching and admonishing one another and all wisdom, singing songs and him and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts, to God. So one of the ways in which we let the word of Christ go in, this richly is in singing to one another and admonishing in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

We've got a quote from John Calvin and then a quote from John Calvin putting August in here. Calvin says, we should sing with voice and heart with our minds focused on spiritual, meaning of the words and quoting Augustine. When we sing these songs, we are certain that God puts the words into our mouths.

As if he were singing it in us to exalt his own glory. And Psalm 22:22 says that I will declare thy name unto my brethren. In the midst of the church will, I sing praise unto me, which is then echoed who wants to go to Hebrews.

Chapter 13 verse 15 people, please.

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And verse 15 Through him, then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God. That is the fruit of looks that the offense to his name. All right? So the second thing, this the experience experiential benefit here is that it helps us be filled with God's Spirit.

Peter, would you go back to Ephesians 5 and read 18 and 19? I do not be drunk with wine and which is dissipation, but be filled to the spirit Speaking to one another in Psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your heart, to the Lord.

So hang around in verse 18, he contrasts something bad with something good. What's the something bad be drunk and what's something good? Being killed in spirit. There it is. So, and the way in which we are filled with spirit, is teaching in a modern machine each other. As we say, So we need Sir.

Please versus five for sure. Where there would be awaken to letting the Word of Christ originally. Well with Yes sir. I agree that you've learned that or you are going to play. It's you can't really navigate this without connecting to that and that's part of one of the things that I've why we're gonna be reading these over and over again.

You just can't get away from that, but it's even if I don't say it directly, you can't really work with it without. So, the Psalms are meant to be a means of grace, to help us be filled with God's Spirit. The next thing it helps us to do is to worship God in every experience.

So we don't show up to Sunday morning and just turn off the week that we just had We can't come in here and just stoically go forward and pretend like, we don't have issues. We're meant to bring those two God and submit to him the way in which he asks us, We've got a few different ones.

Psalms 62:8 tells us to pour our heart out from beforehand. Excuse me, pour our heart out before him moves us to pray. The spirit. Moves us to praise the Lord and to rejoice in him and it moves us to cry out to the Father, even with groaning. As we see in Romans 8, John Calvin said that he has been accustomed to call this book.

He thinks not inappropriately. An anatomy of all the parts of the soul. For there is not an emotion which one can be conscious? That is not here represented as in a mirror. We've got a few here. We're not going to. Well, let's see how much time to have. Yeah, we're gonna move past the well, We'll do one So once we go to Psalm 32 verse 5 man 25.

Mm-hmm. I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not cover my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord and you forgave the iniquity of my family. Very good. We've also got, I'm just gonna read a few of these here, a perfect. Well we have time.

Let's do it. All right, let me get one, two, three, four, four volunteers one, two, three, four. All right. Go to Psalm. 3 1 through 3 Elijah. If you would get 13 weight 4211. Yes, please And Mr. Rowden, would you get 125 through 6 125, through 6 And Nathan 56:3, please.

I think Lou Free my first volunteer. Who's my first who volunteer? It was quite good. Yes, one through three Lord. How they have increased to troubling Many? Are they derise up against me? They are they to save me? There is no help for him in God, but you, oh, Lord, are shielded My glory.

And one who lift up my head. I've got Psalms talking about when we're being persecuted. Elijah, would you give us the next one? Why are you cast down? Oh my soul. And why are you informed? Come on within me. Open God, for I shall again, praise, I salvation. And my God, and if you had to summarize the emotional state, what would you?

What would you say? That's why what's going with 13? What was that Nathan for Mr? Robin. No. Did anyone have 13 one? Okay. Would you read that one for us lowest me for our soldier and mission? All right, well, among the tens that are Too long. As my soul had a swelling, those who hates, and Nathan.

What did you have giving up in place? What? I'm One more time. Where I'm afraid? I put my trust in you. There we go. So one of the things that Actually, this was a fairly big revelation for me. When I came over here, One of the things that is often discouraged outside of this church is in spending too much time in him, precutory songs, largely, and I hope out of a desire.

Not to let ourselves get vengeful. Of course we know vengeance that's mine and say it the Lord. So there tends to be a attitude kind of trying to avoid the imprecatory psalms lest. We give over too much there. However, we as the pastor, helpfully told me some what a year ago that as long as we're singing with Christ, there shouldn't be a problem here.

So, additionally, we've got Bradley Johnston here, a quote from him. We're to call for God, to blot out desolate and utterly destroy the wicked. It is important to remember that each of these Psalms utters to the Lord, a cry for justice, that places the problem of evil in the hands of the Lord and then waits upon his judgment.

All right, so finally we're looking at the beauty and glorious singing. The songs, someone queue up 102 verse 18. You're gonna be hanging out for about? Would you answer you one or two percent? Please songs. All right, so the wants to take a guess at how long do you I hesitate to use the word pop music but I really can't think anything more appropriate.

The pop music version of Christian songs, have been around. Yes. But coming decades. Six, six.

Anyone else Are we happy with six to say about 1500? That's pretty good, too. I would say, as long as there's pop music, there's been an attempt to Christianize it. If pop music means common tune of it has to go back Precisely mr. Wrenchler sort of long the same line if it's common tune or you find outside

Right? And that's kind of what you get into where at a certain point when you take yourself away from feel, forgive me for using an economic example. The gold standard suddenly everything becomes subjected very quickly. All right. So we've got a few hymns that we know of from five.

Well, we know a lot of hymns from 500 years ago. How many hymns do you think you could name prior to 1,000 years ago? Probably not many. We might get one or two, Maybe a half a dozen, if we're really well read, But they're just Well, yes. But most of the songs that were I'm sorry, most of these pins and more importantly, the praise songs that we're hearing today.

I don't expect. We're gonna hear 500 years from now, let alone a few decades. From now, They go with the times. On the other hand, we know that we're David, Isaiah and Daniel were all singing. Psalms, we know that. Augusten Chris, Austin, and other early church historians sang. The Psalms It was part of the daily worship in the liturgy on down of Middle Ages.

When Luther led the Reformation, he actually sent out a call for men to translate the Psalm so that the common people can sing a word who wants to take a guess at. Or if you've read tell us who took up that call,

Guesses are fine. Come on. Somebody Family out here, Take your favorite theologian E9 to wait. So Luther said, I need somebody to do a translate the Psalms so we can sing them Calvin. Yes.

And it looks like he got the mainly into French Dutch and English and there, the Scottish Covenanters and the Puritans both in England and New England sang Psalms and he wants to take a guess at what the first book printed in the American colonies. Was, I've already queued you up for the answer.

Yes, The Bay Songbook a mental look up, the publication date that and I'm afraid, I did not William Perkins who's often called the father of Puritanism was. Once asked why he still saying the Psalms He said, the faith of the church of all times, is always one and the same.

All right, who had Psalm 102:18? Yes, that's right. Would you mind This shall be written for the generation to come? And the people, which shall be created shall take to get. So we've got right there. The Psalms were intent. They're doing what they were intended to do to give the church Psalms to sing to God.

For all time. They also look forward to the hope of glory. I'm going to get two more volunteers, actually, three more of them. You have three more volunteers. Would you mind getting Psalm 96? Verse 13.

Psalm 98 verse 9. Please and Pastor. Could I pick you on you for this one? Sure. Hebrews chapter 2, verses 11 and 12. Here he will judge the world and righteousness and the peoples in this and verse 9 98 verse 9.

He's coming Judge here with righteousness. He shall judge the world and the people's effectively. So, with all of this, we've got God. Coming to judge the world as well as to complete the work. Or the excuse me, the redemption of creation. We also know that Psalms keep God supreme in our worship and teach us to sing of God's sovereignty His wisdom and his love.

Again, tying back to the issue in the introduction where people wanted to avoid those particular doctrines. And Finally and this. So we know that we're singing in reference with all these other Christians throughout history, which from a historical perspective is pretty cool, but that really isn't the highest thing.

We ought to be looking toward. They're looking forward to the hope of glory which is excellent. But even more as the glory, that happened now, which pastor would you mind, Hebrews chapter 2 of 10:12 for both you who, sanctifies? And those who are being sanctified are all of one for which reason he is not ashamed to call them brethren's, saying I will declare your name to my brethren In the midst of the assembly.

I will sing. Praise to you, For more singing songs. We're singing alongside Jesus, which it doesn't get much higher. So What I was first exposed to, we'll call it Puritanism, for lack better term, but you know, biblical theology and all that What I was first really kind of pursuing it.

I was mainly looking primarily at Calvin's and sovereignty of God and how that, you know, predestination stuff worked. What really? You can't look at one part of that and not end up getting exposed to others.

I remember, there was one point that stuck with me. That was a, some Christian message board.

We're generally reform, people would hang out and discuss things. And someone had posted some event about how their church was singing. These Praise songs, had no spiritual death and were borderline heretical. And he was very anguished about this and there were two replies and the Well, the two replies really kind of what set me on the path of ending up really here and wide.

You can't really escape the logical conclusion of this. So the first one very enthusiastically said, sing Psalms, they're handed down by great men of faith and her theologically robust That was a solution. The second immediately, followed it up and said, sing, Psalms, they're handed down by God and their theologically perfect, which you know, it's hung in cheek.

But the point stands, If we could sing perfection, why would we sing anything else? You really can't escape the fact that if we're going to let the word of Christ go and be richly, It should be our highest priority of saying His words back to them.

Mr. Jim, can I ask you to pray for us? Thank you, Father, for this time of considering your words specifically or the songs. Follow me. Do know that that is one of your many great gifts to us, giving them to us that we can. I heard earlier sing alongside Jesus your praises.

Well, we thank you for this time together. We credit you to help us to keep these things in our minds and our hearts and meditate upon them. This week, we pray following that you would go with us as we continue to worship. You just Thank you for the privilege of gathering here.

We pray in. Jesus, name Amen.