Message Title: What God Thinks of Singing

Theme: This message goes beyond what we sing or how we sing. It considers how God feels about our singing and the difference it makes to Him.

Singing is a major part of church services, in part because of Psalm 100:2; "Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Unfortunately it has become all too familiar to us. We can sing many of the songs from memory but how much of our singing excites our emotions of love, appreciation, gratitude or wonder. I have looked around to see faces that have lost connection with the words of the songs. Even worse, some don't sing at all. I have heard comments like, if your happy, tell your face about it, or do you really believe that there is power in the blood, then sing like it. I even fear that we may find some of our singing may qualify under taking the name of the Lord in vain, which is to no purpose, because they have lost their affect.

God is listening for music from our heart.

Salient Points: Count your blessings, What's in it for God, When God gets in it, Why don't people sing, Has God dealt bountiful with you, Forgetting about God's generosity, Distracted by self, Untalented, God thinks different about singing, A song of Moses, Seeing God's purpose, Too spoiled to sing, How important is singing to God, From a sense of gratitude, Is it the gift or the giver, Learning to appreciate God, King David rejoiced in God, God has little interest in the self serving, Singing in vain, God's creation sings to Him, Made to share His creation, Emotions are enhanced by singing.

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**Scripture:** Ps. 13:6, Rev. 4:11, Ex. 15:1-3,20-24, 16:1-3, Eph.5:15-20, Jud.5:13, Ps. 30:4, 33:1-6, 47:6-7, 65:9, 66:2, 67:3-5, 89:1, 96:1-2, 147:1, 100:1-5

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought me to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of my dying wife. It reads, "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me". Following this I prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can".

The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again".