

Do you have a song of Joy?

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Everyone has their own natural gift bend, but there are some places that God calls us to collectively and worship is one of them. We are called to worship in private and in public, to make His name great. He calls us to this for OUR benefit as well. Let me show you.....

Joy is a prominent feature of the true worship of God in the Old Testament. Wherever people know, love, and worship God, a joy comes forth into the heart of His worshipers that only He can give.

Look up and read the following verses:

I Chronicles 15:16

Ezra 3:12, 6:16

Psalm 16:11,

Psalm 32:11

Psalm 51:12

Read the following verse and circle every reference that speaks about joy and worship.

“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” Psalm 100:1-5

What are some things you want to give God thanks for? Make a list of at least 10 things.

So let's make some lists to help us:

Now make a list of some words that describe how you worship God:

For example: I worship you God, I exalt you Lord.....your turn:

Now take your thanksgiving list and the how you worship list, and write your own song of praise. It doesn't have to rhyme or be set to music, just the overflow of thanks in your life:

Look at this Psalm 40:13, NIV

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him."

This Psalm talks about how the Lord put a new song in their mouth, how about you? Did you write a new song?

Let's close with this verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Rejoice always, 17pray continually, 18give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."