

Music Workshop 2023

Theme: I Will Not Be Silent. I Will Praise!

To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and **not be silent.**

O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalms 30:12

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with
thanksgiving.

Psalms 69:30

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Day 1: The Imperative of Worship

Worship stems from a strong desire. The psalmist speaks of a determination of the strongest resolve. It is as if it is impossible to stay silent. The abundant merces of God bestowed on our lives demand our whole heart and enthusiasm.

a) The Wills and Will Nots

We note the language of the theme texts uses the word “will” more than once. It involves both what we will not do and what we will do.

b) I Lift My Voice with “ My Glory”

Using the very best that is within us and using all the talents that define who we are known to be.

And David and all Israel played before God **with all their might**, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

1 Chronicles 13:8

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, **do it with thy might**; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

c) Thanksgiving is Forever

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Psalms 30:12

Day Two

Christ's Two Songs

Both of our theme verses come from chapters that include foreshadowing of the life and death of Jesus Christ. In particular, Psalm 69 speaks in great detail of the death of Christ on the cross. There is only one instance in the scriptures mentioning a singing Christ. It happened on the night of Last Supper when Christ had let His disciples know of the martyrdom that was to follow within the next twentyfour hours. The lack of other mentions does not mean that He did not sing at other times. As Psalm 69 is a Messianic prophecy, it seems to suggest a second song was sung. This “second song” was a song of victory celebrating the Resurrection. Christ is Our Example.

And when **they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.** Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, **I will smite the shepherd,** and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. **But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.**

Matthew 26:30-32

a) The Messianic Psalms

We take note of verses in these two psalms clearly looking ahead to the suffering Christ

b) Our Songs Anticipate Our Sorrows Turning To Joy

The Psalms indicate that Change is the Catalyst For Songs

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Psalms 30:5

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

Psalms 30:11

But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high. I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psalms 69:29-30

c) The Lord Hears The Prisoner

For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

Psalms 69:33

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Acts 16:25

Day 3

We Sing Intensely, We Sing In Tenses

We join the truths presented in the previous two days and make a practice application to the times that **We** will say

I will Sing!

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD **all the days of my life**, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Psalms 27:4

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me **all the days of my life**: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Psalms 23:6

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the **victory** over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. **And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb**, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Revelation 15:2-3

- a) We Will Sing
- b) We Will Sing Remembering The Past
- c) We Will Sing in the Reality of Our Present Hour
- d) We Will Sing in the Days To Come