

Ephesians 5:18-19 (AMP)

"...but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit. Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices and instruments and making melody with all your heart to the Lord,"

Top 3 schools in America all great emphasis on music and the arts. Hungary, Japan, and the Netherlands, the top three academic countries ...great emphasis on music education and participation in music. The top engineers from Silicon Valley are all musicians.

Napoleon "Give me control over he who shapes the music of a nation, and I care not who makes the laws."

"Pentagon's School of Music" it takes 15 months of instruction to produce one bandleader. By contrast the Air Force takes 13 months to train a jet pilot.

Albert Einstien -- His parents were told he was too stupid to learn in Grade school.

His parents got him a violin.

G.J. Withrow "The way Einstein figured out his problems and equations was by improvising on the violin."

Martin Luther

"The devil takes flight at the sound of music, just as he does at the words of theology... After theology I give the highest place and greatest honor to music."

J.S. Bach believed that music was a "refreshment of spirit," He believed that music brought glory to God. SDG Soli Deo Gloria, "To God alone be glory" are found at the end of most of his scores. JJ appear at the top of many of his pieces, Jesus Juva, or "Jesus help us."

Who was in charge of first worship experience?

Lucifer: archangel of worship Isaiah 14:11 "Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your <u>stringed</u> <u>instruments</u>;"

Ezekiel 28:13 "The workmanship of your <u>timbrels</u> and <u>pipes</u>..."

3 essentials for every orchestra:

- Wind, Precussion, and Stringed Instruments.
- Lucifer (devil) a beautiful creation; A musical instrument covered with precious stones.
- Led 1/3 of angels in revolt.
- Luke 10:18 "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

3 Arch Angels:

Gabriel — Announcing Word

Michael — Engaging Prayer

Lucifer — Expressing Worship

3 Basic elements of our services, of our communion with God.

1. Devil Wanted The Worship Isaiah 14:13-15

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"I will ascend into heaven...
<u>I will</u> exalt my throne...
I will also sit on the mount...
I will ascend above the heights...
I will be like the Most High...
shall be brought down to Sheol,..."
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Author of all selfishness.

Ezekiel 28:12-16

"You were the seal of perfection,... You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: ... The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. ... By the abundance of **your trading** You became filled with violence within." "Trading": — merchandising, I get a cut off of a transaction, middleman, it didn't all get through right place.

Devil began to take some of the glory that was only to God.

He became proud and God cast him out of His presence.

2. Devil Still Wants Worship.

Matthew 4:9-10

"All these things I will give You if You will fall down (active outer expression) and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve."

3. We Are The New Worship Program Romans 12:1 (ESV)

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Hebrews 13:15

"Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name."

Acts 15:16

"After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David,..."

Only sacrifice there was worship.

We were created a beautiful musical instruments:

Vocal Chords — Strings

Lungs — Breath (Wind)

Hands and Feet — Percussion

Psalm 150:6

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

Everybody Praise The LORD!!!Why?

Because He alone is worthy!

Psalm 150:2

"Praise Him for <u>His mighty acts</u>; Praise Him <u>according to</u> His excellent greatness!"

Why Should I Praise The Lord? Psalm 106:1

"Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for <u>He is good!</u> For His mercy endures forever."

Praise Him for all the good thing he has done.

Praise Him for His promises.

How? ... Traditional Worship

- "Hale!" to rave, boast, celebrate.
- Psalm 22:26 "...they who seek the LORD will praise him."
- "Yadah" acknowledge in public.
- Psalm 138:1 "I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart."

Psalm 81:1

"[To the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. A Psalm of Asaph.] Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob."

Gittith:-- a stringed instrument that David got from Gath.

Habakkuk 3:1

"A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth. "(NKJV) "A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet, set to wild, enthusiastic, and triumphal music." (AMP) Title of Psalm 7 a shigionoth:wild, irregular, enthusiastic strain

- "Barak" to bless by kneeling or bowing.
- Psalm 103:1" Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!"
- "Tehilah" exuberant singing.

 Psalm 149:1 "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints."

Psalm 98:4

- "Shout joyfully {roo'ah} to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing {zaw mar'} praises."
- "Ruwa":--to shout, give a blast a war-cry, joy, triumph
- "Zamar" :-- to sing, make music

- "Shabach" to address in a loud tone, to shout.
- "Towdah" to lift hands in adoration.
- Psalm 63:3-4 "Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands."

- "Giyl" to spin around, under the influence of any violent emotion
- Psalm 32:11 "Be glad in the Lord and <u>rejoice</u>, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"
- Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the Lord has made; We will <u>rejoice</u> and be glad in it."

Worship Has Benefits!!!

When we SURROUND **OURSELVES** with praise that glorifies God we are actively putting ourselves into the very presence of God. And God literally lifts us up and changes US, OTHERS and OUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

Article by Dr. Caroline Leaf

"Corporate worship has been shown to have health benefits. Regular church attendance is associated with a 30-35% reduction in the likelihood of death and a reduction in the probability of stroke.

In a major longitudinal study, those who do not attend church regularly have higher rates of death from circulatory, digestive and respiratory disorders ... as people sing together in worship to God, as well as the beneficial effects of the heart, their heartbeats actually synchronize."

University of Miami study on the progress of AIDS Dr. Gail Ironson found that:

"Turning to God rather than rejecting God appears to boost your immune system and stave off the disease nearly <u>five times</u> as effectively,..."

Changes You Physically ... heal your body. Mentally ... make you smart. Emotionally ... shift attitude Worship can rearrange your whole inner world. God did that.

Proverbs 17:22 "A happy heart is good medicine and a joyful mind causes healing,..."

Changes Others

Colossians 3:16 "...teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing..."

Your song impacts others

Changes Circumstances

Acts 16:25-26

"...midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God,... prisoners were listening ... Suddenly there was a great earthquake ... immediately doors were opened... everyone's chains were loosed."

Revelation 21:9-11, 19

"Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."... showed me the great city, the holyJerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, ... The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones:"

