

Sermon  
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### SINGING IN CHURCH

Eph 5:19 Music

We are to sing. To sing you have to be happy.

Psalms=Praise accompanied with musical instruments. Praising--Psalms.

Hymns=Praises--close to word psalms.

Spiritual songs=(ode=songs) expresses feeling toward spiritual things.

Should come from the heart and have a thankful attitude. Well pleased--a cheerful giver.

Satan counterfeits all of God's plans, But he can't counterfeit God's holy Spirit.

He has counterfeit God's church; music; salvation; Christ. He has music in His church because he plays on the emotions, & so do his songs. 2 Types hymns: Objective= what is object of the song. Subjective= if song is aimed at singers. Makes them feel holy when they aren't holy.

Loadician attitude--"It is well with my soul."

It's a lie. Our soul is the body of sin.

We should hate it. "O'wretched soul that I am," says Paul. It's well with our lives, but not our soul. Points to self. My soul, my lot, me, my soul. Object of song should be to humble subject and cause them to cry out to God.

Satan wants everyone to worship him, so he wants you to worship yourself. He gets exalted thru self worship.

Don't lie in a song. It's sin. "I come to the Garden alone", "Blessed Assurance"; "It's well with my soul," etc. a few of them.

Don't exalt yourself in a song. God alone should be exalted.

In the Garden--"He walks with me and He talks with me." That's a lie. Can't come to Christ "Just as I am," Have to change first.

Praise Him--object is to praise God. "When I dwelt in Mesech," A subjective, but it humbles the subject. "Fount & Flood were clift by Thee--Objective: Praise to God.

"Just when I need Him most=subjective--emphases on "I". Christ is always true, not just when you need Him. These songs give false security.

We have to obey, pray, & study for God to help us. God will forsake us if we forsake Him. Our biggest sin is not having time for God. Most young people are like this even our young people are. Certain songs we worship God, others we worship ourselves.