

New Beginnings

Songs: Psalm 40



WEST SOUND COMMUNITY CHURCH

WINTER 2020

Singing is important. Old songs. New songs. Simple songs. Powerful songs. Jingles that help us remember and anthems that move us heart and soul...songs are imperative. In times of thanksgiving and in times of tribulation...songs are indispensable.

In ancient Israel, the folks were reminded all the time to sing. Psalm 89:1,2... *"I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, 'Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.'"*

In the first century, the new church was reminded to sing. Colossians 3:16... *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."*

In heaven we will sing. Revelation 15:3,4... *"and (they) sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb. 'Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.'"*

Did you notice that in heaven the songs will be both old and new. They will sing both the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb.

The Song of Moses (Exodus 15, Deuteronomy 32, Psalm 90)

The Song of the Lamb (Revelation 5:1-10)

Followers of Jesus have this blessing...there will forever be a new song. We'll add it to those that have gone before, because we must never forget the mighty deeds of God in days gone by. However, we will forever sing a new song regarding the newness of God's love and mercy and grace, because just as he forever cares for his creation we can forever celebrate him.

The prophet Isaiah, in chapter 42 and verse 10, wrote...*"Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them."*

That beginning, *"Sing to the Lord a new song,"* is also the beginning of Psalms 96, 98, and 149. Psalms 33 and 144 contain similar phrases.

The gospels record that after the Last Supper, as Jesus and his disciples started on that late night walk not many hours before the crucifixion, they sang a hymn.

In the Book of Acts, the Letters to Ephesus and Colossae, the Letter of James, and the Book of Revelation, we can read about the singing of the Lord's people.



WEST SOUND COMMUNITY CHURCH

New Beginnings: Songs

Why? Why always a new song?

Unfortunately, time will not permit us to cover all the reasons for singing a new song to the Lord, but I would at least like to look at one of them...a very important one considering the times in which we now find ourselves. So turn with me to Psalm 40.

The Big Idea: The new song of worship erupts because the Lord forever renews his faithfulness smack-dab at the bottom of the pit of despair. Psalm 40:1-4

1st What is the pit of despair?

2nd What accompanies us in the pit of despair? (vss. 1-4)

3rd What do we too often do when suffering the pit of despair? (vs. 4)

4th What should we do while in the pit of despair? (vs. 1)

Conclusion:

What is your old song?

What will be your new song?

