

Sing a New Song

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Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, And His praise in the assembly of the saints.

Psalm 149:1 NKJV

In the above scripture the Hebrew word used for praise after “new song” is the word *tehillah*. It is the Hebrew word most associated with the new song. *Tehillah* can be defined as "laudations or hymns sung spontaneously to the Lord." The new song is a spontaneous overflow of love and adoration towards God.

The word *tehillah* is used many times in the Book of Psalms. In fact the Book of Psalms is also known as the Book of *Tehillum*. In Psalm 22:3 David says that God has set up his throne in the *tehillah* of his people. He writes, *But you are holy, enthroned in the praises (tehillah) of Israel...* Another psalmist writes in Psalm 100:4 that *tehillah* is how we enter into God's presence. *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise (tehillah)...*

God has given the church many gifted song writers who write anointed worship songs. As a result thousands of worship songs have been written over the years that express our heart toward God. When a new worship song is introduced it doesn't take long for the recording industry to feature it on several different labels. Christian worship would not be were it is today without these anointed writers and songs.

It is possible, however, that there is a higher dimension of worship where God desires for true worshipers to occupy; the dimension of the new song. No other song can express the heart of a worshiper than his own song to the Lord.

Someone could go to the store and buy an anniversary card for their spouse, or they could make a card themselves. The spouse would love either, but the card that was handwritten would have special meaning because it came straight from the heart. Someone else could use a card just like one bought at the store, but no other person can give that spouse what is written from the heart. In the same way many people may sing the same song to worship God. There is no doubt that God enjoys that worship, but he takes special delight in the songs that come from within the worshiper. No one else can sing that song.

The new song comes from the spirit of a person who has a fresh relationship with the Father. The Father is always revealing more of himself to those who walk close to him. As he reveals himself he gives new songs that only those to whom he is revealed can sing. It is their song to him.

How long has it been since you sang a love song to God from your own heart? Did you even know that you could? Ask the Father to give you the words he wants to hear you sing to him.

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Scriptures for meditation:

- Psalm 98:1
- Isaiah 42:10
- Psalm 149:1