

Barrenness Needs a Song

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Sing, O barren , you who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman, says the LORD.

Isaiah 54:1 NKJV

Can you imagine the reaction of a barren woman in ancient Israel after being told to sing. There were few things more shameful in those days than for a woman not being able to bear children. Doubtless she would have been ridiculed by other women and may have even felt abandoned by God. Sometimes their husbands would set them aside for a woman who could bear them children. The Lord's remedy for barrenness was song.

There have been instances where God has opened the wombs of barren women who came before him with songs of supplication and praise. Songs of healing prayer have been a tool to bring about the healing of various physical illnesses. There are groups who meet each week to sing and pray over people with various sicknesses and have seen God move in miraculous ways.

In addition, this song of the barren reaches to areas of spiritual barrenness. We all have areas in our lives where we do not see fruit. It could be the fruit of salvation for a family member or the conquering of a sin that so easily besets us. Maybe there is a call of God for a particular ministry that has not yet been realized or a physical problem that continues to bring anguish. It could be that it is time to address that barrenness with the power of song. You might find that God will bring about a spiritual breakthrough in those areas of bondage in your life.

Jesus told us that those who believe in him would have rivers of living water that would flow from their hearts. If you feel that your river has run dry and left your spiritual land barren I suggest you do as Moses and Israel did. *From there they went to Beer, which is the well where the Lord said to Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water. Then Israel sang this song: Spring up, O well! All of you sing to it ...* (Numbers 21:16-17)

Do you have a barren place in your life? Do you find yourself in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water? Ask the Father to give you a song that sings to your barrenness and brings water to your soul.

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Scriptures for meditation:

Psalm 32:7

Psalm 83:1

Psalm 63:1-8