

Psalm 40:3

He has put a new song in my mouth, praise to our God; many will see it and fear and trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:1-2 records David's testimony of salvation and establishment in the kingdom. Not only did God's deliverance give David a new song to sing, but God himself put the song in David's mouth. The Hebrew word for new in this verse means a fresh, new thing. In this case it was a fresh new song.

I once heard someone say that God is not making all new things, he is making all things new. David had sung other songs, but this revelation of God's deliverance produced a fresh song of spontaneous worship. The Hebrew word for praise used here is the word *tehillah*. *Tehillah* is used each time the word praise appears with "new song."

Psalms 149:1 Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise (tehillah) in the assembly of saints.

Isaiah 42:10 Praise to the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song and his praise (tehillah) from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea and all that is in it, you coastlands and you inhabitants of them!

In the Revelation we see the new song sung by the host of heaven. The Greek word *kainos* is used for new and means freshness. Again the new song seems to come each time a new revelation of God or the Lamb is given. In Revelation 5:9 the Lamb has been revealed as the kinsman redeemer. In Revelation 14:3 the Lamb is revealed as standing in the midst of the redeemed of the earth. The new song can only be sung by those who have been redeemed.

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood. Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation...

Revelation 14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

In this psalm David makes a possible connection between worship and evangelism. He says that many people will see God's deliverance, hear his song and come to fear and trust the Lord. You might read David's thoughts this way: God has put a fresh song of spontaneous worship in my mouth for his praise. Many will see the works of God, hear my song and reverence the Lord and run quickly to him for refuge.

Scripture references:

Psalms 33:3

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy.

Psalms 96:1

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Psalms 98:1

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have gained him the victory.

Psalms 144:9

I will sing a new song to you, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to you...

Revelation 15:3

*They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:
Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are your ways,
O King of the saints!*

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