

GOD'S MAGNIFICENT IDEA

Part XXXIV
Psalm 8:1-9

Introduction: The great incidences of revival that are occurring around the world may be a harbinger of supernatural things to come. Joel 2:28. It occurs to me that the church is coming painfully aware of how derelict it has been in regard to praise confession. We have missed how inestimable praise is. The Word of God has presented so much more than we have utilized up to the present. 2nd Timothy 2:15 (KJV) instructs us that it is our duty to continue scrutinizing the Scriptures to find God's direction to spiritual power. Signs and wonders should be the norm for Spirit-led churches. Mark 16:20. Total abandonment to acknowledging God's amazing grace in our confession, our praise, and our worship is the key that opens the door for God to move in our midst. Today we will focus on the part music plays in worship. Psalm 7:17, 33:2-3, 51:14; Proverbs 29:6.

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- A. *Ezekiel 28:13-19*. In *verse 13* where the New King James says "*timbrels and pipes,*" it is no doubt talking about tambourines, percussion instruments, and wind instruments. This gives some idea of how great the music of Lucifer was before sin was found in his heart. This also shows how important music is to God.
 1. The perversion of music. In the 50's and early 60's, secular music salaciously appealed to sex. In the late 60's it got people involved in causes and opened them up to drugs and experimentation. Then came addictive rock and roll and punk rock. The music is violent and blaring. In the process, people become addicted to listening to violence. We could go on with rap that totally dehumanizes women and makes them a mere chattel. Next, the world is tying a quasi-religious bent to secular music in an attempt to hold people in its web.
 2. *Isaiah 14:12-15*. In *verse 11*, Satan is equipped with stringed instruments. Apparently he was accomplished in each of the major areas of musical instruments: wind, strings, and percussion. Lucifer was unequivocally the master musician of heaven. As Son of the Morning, he was also a light-bearer and daystar. Satan was involved in the shout and praise with other angels at the creation of the earth. *Job 38:7*. As the anointed cherub, Satan no doubt led the worship in heaven. When he began to desire the worship for himself, he and 1/3 of the angels with him were cast out of heaven. *Isaiah 14:12*. He did not lose his musical ability, and that is why secular music can be so beautiful and appealing to the lower nature of man. The final temptation he placed before Jesus in the wilderness is found in *Matthew 4:8-10*.
 3. We must take a new look into the importance of music in our worship. Music is mentioned in the Bible over 800 times, and praise 332 times. The preponderance of Scripture describes our response to God, not our doctrinal belief. *Psalm 100:2* gives us protocol for approaching the King. When we come before the King of kings and Lord of lords, we are to come before Him singing. God loves music!
 4. The church must cover the vacuum created by Satan's fall. David set the pace for all believers. He was prolific and knew how to sing, shout, dance, and play instruments. In *1st Chronicles 6:31-32*, David sets the priests and Levites in the house of the Lord for the sole purpose of providing music. Music is to have an important role in our worship service.
 5. David felt the musical instruments of his day were inadequate to manifest what was in his heart, so by inspiration he designed and made instruments for the exclusive purpose of worshiping God. *2nd Chronicles 7:6*. Music was created for the worship of God.
 6. Martin Luther wrote, "*He who despises music does not please me. Music is a gift of God, not a gift from men. After theology, I accord it the highest place and greatest honor.*" The minister, the psalmist, the choir director, singers, and musicians must be on the same page spiritually.

Conclusion: Music belongs to God. Every effort must be made to use music to worship Almighty God. God has always wanted praise in music since before the beginning of time. Together with our shouts, dancing, singing, and audible praise unto the Lord, we fulfill God's will in our lives.