

Sing to the Lord!

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Introduction

Ephesians 5:15–21 (NASB95) — **15** Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, **16** making the most of your time, because the days are evil. **17** So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. **18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; **20** always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; **21** and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

In Times of Trial

Psalms 13:1–6 (NASB95) — **1** How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? **2** How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? **3** Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, **4** And my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,” And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken. **5** But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. **6** I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

In Times of Triumph

Psalms 98:1–9 (NASB95) — **1** O sing to the LORD a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him. **2** The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. **3** He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **4** Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises. **5** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, With the lyre and the sound of melody. **6** With trumpets and the sound of the horn Shout joyfully before the King, the LORD. **7** Let the sea roar and all it contains, The world and those who dwell in it. **8** Let the rivers clap their hands, Let the mountains sing together for joy **9** Before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness And the peoples with equity.

Exodus 15:1–2 (NASB95) — **1** Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and said, “I will sing to the LORD, for He is highly exalted; The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea. **2** “The

LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will extol Him.

In Times of Necessity

Psalm 104:24–35 (NASB95) — **24** O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions. **25** There is the sea, great and broad, In which are swarms without number, Animals both small and great. **26** There the ships move along, And Leviathan, which You have formed to sport in it. **27** They all wait for You To give them their food in due season. **28** You give to them, they gather it up; You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good. **29** You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire And return to their dust. **30** You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground. **31** Let the glory of the LORD endure forever; Let the LORD be glad in His works; **32** He looks at the earth, and it trembles; He touches the mountains, and they smoke. **33** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. **34** Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; As for me, I shall be glad in the LORD. **35** Let sinners be consumed from the earth And let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

In Times of Prosperity

Psalm 147:1–20 (NASB95) — **1** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming. **2** The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. **3** He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds. **4** He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them. **5** Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite. **6** The LORD supports the afflicted; He brings down the wicked to the ground. **7** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises to our God on the lyre. **8** Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who provides rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains. **9** He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens which cry. **10** He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man. **11** The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness. **12** Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! **13** For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you. **14** He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat. **15** He sends forth His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly. **16** He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes. **17** He casts forth His ice as fragments; Who can stand before His cold? **18** He sends forth His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow. **19** He declares His words to Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel. **20** He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His ordinances, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!

In Times of Assembly

Psalm 96:1–13 (NASB95) — **1** Sing to the LORD a new song; Sing to the LORD, all the earth. **2** Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. **3** Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. **4** For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. **5** For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. **6** Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. **7** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. **8** Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts. **9** Worship the LORD in holy attire; Tremble before Him, all the earth. **10** Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.” **11** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains; **12** Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy **13** Before the LORD, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness And the peoples in His faithfulness.

Psalm 149:1–9 (NASB95) — **1** Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the congregation of the godly ones. **2** Let Israel be glad in his Maker; Let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King. **3** Let them praise His name with dancing; Let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre. **4** For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation. **5** Let the godly ones exult in glory; Let them sing for joy on their beds. **6** Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, **7** To execute vengeance on the nations And punishment on the peoples, **8** To bind their kings with chains And their nobles with fetters of iron, **9** To execute on them the judgment written; This is an honor for all His godly ones. Praise the LORD!

Conclusion

Isaiah 42:1–4 (NASB95) — **1** “Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. **2** “He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street. **3** “A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. **4** “He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.”

Isaiah 42:10–13 (NASB95) — **10** Sing to the LORD a new song, Sing His praise from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it. You islands, and those who dwell on them. **11** Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voices, The settlements where Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing aloud, Let them shout for joy from the tops of the mountains. **12** Let them give glory to the LORD And declare His praise in the coastlands. **13** The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.