



# ***SOUTH JACKSON BEACON***

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## ***Relationship of Soul and Words of Songs***

For the last several years I have tried to improve my worship in song by paying special attention to the words of the songs. While the musical notes are important and participating in four-part harmony singing is so rewarding, the focus in the Bible is on the relationship of my soul and my words.

Singing is described as "...singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). It is not that we are giving grace to Him, but we who have received His grace, sing with hearts filled with grace to Him.

A picture of this attitude toward Jesus is shown in Revelation chapter five. It describes how there is no creature in heaven or on earth worthy to open the book in God's hand. Then, the Lamb of God appears to take the sealed book and starts to open it.

At that moment the heaven of heavens is filled with anthems of praise to the Lord. The twenty-four elders get off their thrones and bow down in worshipping the Lord. They have bowls filled the prayers of His saints, and they ascend as incense to the Lamb. They begin to sing, "You are worthy..."

But it doesn't stop at this point. Suddenly a host of angels joins in singing the same song. How many angels were there in this choir? "The number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands" (5:12). The very words of the song they sing are given. "Worthy is the Lamb to receive

power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessings.”

But it doesn't stop there. Immediately every creature in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and under the sea, and all that is in heaven and earth become part of this chorus of praise to the Lord. “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

But it doesn't stop there. In 1930, Tillit S. Teddlie, a faithful brother in Christ and author of over 100 songs, penned the words to a song we used to sing more often, Worthy Art Thou. It captures the events of this heavenly scene in the first two verses. He then added these words in the last verse. “Lord, may we come before Thee with singing, Filled with Thy Spirit, wisdom and pow'r, May we ascribe Thee glory and honor, Worthy art Thou, Worthy art Thou.”

It is not the musical notes that really matter. The early Christians may have sung this with singing characterized by chanting. We sing it in four-part harmony. It is not the music.

Let me ask you, what is your favorite song? Is it your favorite because of the musical arrangement or because of the spiritual depth and grace it creates in your heart as you sing to the Lord? Think about this.

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### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Does Culture Cause One to Sin - Joshua 24:14-15  
PM - Timothy Secula

# Congregational News & Notes

## Prayer Requested

### Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,  
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell  
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,  
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson  
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,  
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,  
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis  
Charles & Ruby Malone,  
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse,  
Phillip Mulins, Gordon Love,  
Jerry Crabb

### Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris  
Beverly Martindale,  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,  
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,  
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett  
Ramona Thurston, April Richey  
David & Nell Briley, Chris Buford

## Happenings

### South Jackson

#### February 19

Men's Business Meeting  
following AM Services

#### March 5-8

Ray will speaking in Radcliff, KY

### Cards to Send

Mary Lewis  
15 Oakwood Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301

Janet Taylor  
219 Parkburg Road  
Jasckson, TN 38301

### Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	54/10
AM Worship	91/27
PM Worship	50/44
Wed Bible Study	51/3
Contribution	3943

## The Power of the Cross!

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:18

Intro: The Cross of Christ is the central event in the history of time!

- **C** - Crowned Jesus with Glory (Gal. 6:14).
- **R** - Reconciled us to God (2 Cor. 5:18-19).
- **O** - Overcame the world (John 6:33).
- **S** - Shed His blood for our sins (Col. 1:20).
- **S** - Saved us from sins (Eph. 2:13; Rev. 1:5).

SERMON STARTERS - Mark Nichols Posey

## The Gospel of Christ

Don't forget that we are sponsoring the broadcast of this TV program. It comes on weekly on Fox16 at 9:30 AM.

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Feb 12 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Van McConnell

Contribution:

Ronald Clouse

## Feb 19 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlei Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Mike Wages

Sermon: Timothy Secula

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Ray Pack

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer: Joe Venable

Sermon: Luke Tatum

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Greg Long

## Feb 15 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Mike Wages

## Feb 22 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devo - Marion Thomas

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## Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM