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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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Tennessee Children's Home Food Drive

The list for needed items is on the bulletin board. Pickup will be April 4th.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Freddie 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,
Phillip Mulins, Gordon Love,
Jerry Crabb, Vazzanna Mullins,
Karen Chance, Betty Landers

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson
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

Today's Sermons

AM - Two Crosses Necessary to
Cross Over
Matthew 16:24-26

PM - Singing Night

Happenings

South Jackson

April 9

Ray will be speaking in
Elizabethtown, Ky

April 16

Men's Business Meeting

Cards to Send

Karen Chance
36 Parkburg Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Vezanna Mulins
685 Chester Levee Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	4
Bible Class	53/4
AM Worship	77/17
PM Worship	53/8
Wed Bible Study	51/4
Contribution	3253

Pantry Item

Canned Cream Corn

Those Privileged to Serve

Mar 26 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Malik James

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Ken Ross

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

Apr 2 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer: Joe Venable

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Ken Ross

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Joe Venable

Mar 29 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Devo - Marion Thomas

Apr 5 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 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