

God is the God of "new things." It is who He is. He <u>is</u> the God of "*New* Beginnings." He <u>is</u> the God of the "*New* Heaven and the *New* Earth." He <u>is</u> the God of the "*New* Birth through Jesus." He <u>is</u> the God of the "One *New* Man in Christ." He <u>is</u> the God of the "*New* Wine that must be put into *New* Wineskins." God <u>is</u> the God whose "mercies are *New* every morning." I think you get my point.

Therefore, it should not be strange to us when we hear and discuss the term, "*New Song*." Obviously, from what we have just discussed, the New Song therefore is always initiated by the Spirit of God that dwells within the born again Child of God. It is birthed from within the renewed and regenerated spirit of the *new* creature in Christ. The New Song is deposited and should be brought forth out of the spirit of every believer who truly desires, yearns for and seeks after more and more of God in their lives.

Let's look at some definitions:

The term "New" is used as an adjective.

- In the Hebrew ("Chadash") it means fresh; to rebuild; to renew.
- In the Greek ("Kainos") it means fresh; new; recently made, fresh, recent, unused, unworn; of a new kind, unprecedented, novel, uncommon, unheard of.
- The New Oxford Dictionary
 - 1) Something that has existed or has been made for just a short time;
 - 2) Something seen or known for a short time;
 - 3) Unfamiliar;
 - 4) The beginning and resumption of a previous act or thing (such as a new day);
 - 5) To be different from one of the same category that had previously existed unlike any other, unmatched;
 - 6) Not the same as the original but rather superior in quality to the original.

The term "Song:"

- In the Hebrew (*shiyr*) it means a lyric or religious song; a song brought forth by Levitical or priestly choirs; an ode.
- In the Greek (*ode*) it is very similar it simply refers to a song or an ode. An "ode" is a lyric poem written with feeling and emotion in the style that is usually marked by the expression of exaltation, praise and adoration of someone or some object. (In our case Yahweh, Adonai)

The "New Song" as found in the scriptures. It is used in many way to express something great that God has done or is about to do. The following are a few examples.

- The New Song would be used to conclude and be the climax of tremendous, recent victories for His people.
 - Psalm 96 The New Song was sung to express Israel's deliverance from captivity as well as to proclaim God's righteous rule (10-13). This Psalm can be deemed prophetic as to the end times when God's rule and reign will come on this earth.
- The New Song was used to precede and proclaim God's coming rule and reign.
 - Revelation 5:18-14 The New Song is sung as preceding the unsealing of the seven scrolls which are read and declare the ushering in of God's rule and reign.
 - Isaiah 42:10 The New Song is used to prophesy and preceded God's coming rule and reign by the Messiah.
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The book of Revelation includes what we could say is a New Song with many "stanzas" or sections found throughout. The "New Song" begins with a section preceding the unsealing of the seven scrolls which are read declaring the ushering in of God's rule and reign. It proclaims the worthiness of the Lamb to carry out the ultimate redemptive plan of God, the Father. This thought is continued throughout the Book of Revelation and in various parts it is expressed as other sections of the whole "New Song" found in Revelations. I have attempted below to follow this thought through for you. I have included sections of the scripture that would allow the reader to understand and put the "song" in context. I have highlighted the actual word of the "song."

- 1st Verse Revelation 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about [him]; and [they were] full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*
- 2nd verse Revelation 4:11 *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

- 3rd verse Revelation 5:8-14 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four [and] twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a **new song**, saying, *Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.* And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.* And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, *Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, [be] unto him that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.* And the four beasts said, *Amen.* And the four [and] twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that lives forever and ever."
- 4th verse Revelation 7:10-12 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and [about] the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, [be] unto our God forever and ever. Amen.
- 5th verse Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou should give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and should destroy them which destroy the earth.
- 6th verse Revelation 15:3-4 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous [are] thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true [are] thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for [thou] only [art] holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.
- 7th verse Revelation 19:1-8 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, *Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous [are] his judgments: for He hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia.* And her smoke rose up forever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, *Amen; Alleluia.* And a voice came out of the throne, saying, *Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.* And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, *Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*
- 8th verse Revelation 22:20 He that testifieth of these things says, "Surely I come quickly." *Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

WOW!!! Need I say more concerning the power of what the "New Song" really should be? It clearly declares who our God is - His love, His grace, His mercy, His greatness. All we can do is join in and say - "AMEN. EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS!!!

An interesting point that is most of the time overlooked is that the New Song was not always "sung" by choir members or ones dedicated to sing with great vocal abilities. No. We see and read that they were sung by a multitude of various declarers, whether men, elders, angels or other created beings that were simply declaring and proclaiming what was within their heart. It tells us that the "New Song" is not just to be sung by those who have great musical abilities such as just those on the worship teams or in the choir.

The scriptures reveal that the New song can be, and should be "sung" or declared by every believer - every member of the Body of Christ. It may seem as though it has musical connotations, however, what it really is telling us is that the "New Song" comes from the heart and spirit of a person - manifested through their vocal chords. In other words, "Let everything that hath breath" declare, sing, shout, proclaim or just speak the "New Song" that is flowing from that river of life, that wellspring within.

This then leads us to the point that I want to bring out. Every believer can "sing" a new song unto the Lord. They "sing" it with their lifestyle and attitude of heart. It is a song of worship that is not just sung with by those with vocal chords that have, what seems to be in the natural realm, beautiful voices, although it could. But it can also be "sung" from out of our actions and lived out as a lifestyle. It is found and birthed within the born again child of God. It stems out of the attitude of heart to want to live life every day, fresh and renewed in the power of God's might. It is an attitude of heart that desires to proclaim the worthiness of the Lamb to carry out the Father's redemptive plan. It is not just to be sung in the future as portrayed in the Book of Revelation, but NOW!! Through the believer!!

The new song becomes an expression of the believer's desire to worship their God in every aspect of their life and seen by everyone around them and in their sphere of influence. As we understand our definition for term "ode," we see that it is a parallel for life. It is an expression of exaltation and admiration through music and lyrics the reality of someone's life, situations, victory in times of battle and joys. The music and lyrics are from the "song" placed and found in each one of God's precious children. He doesn't care what it sounds like in the natural, physical realm. He hears what is coming out of the person's spirit. That is what makes a sweet sound to Him.

We must grasp the understanding that the "New Song" of the Lord is most definitely for the purpose of exalting and drawing everyone's attention to the Lord God Almighty with an attitude of heart of admiration and awe. God is initiating a "New Song" in the hearts of His people for these "end times" that will usher in the Second Coming of Jesus. It should have nothing involved with drawing any attention to the one who is delivering it. We have done this so much with other things within the Body of Christ, unfortunately to its detriment. However, I will not get started on that or I may really get myself in trouble. That is for another discussion. **C**olossians 3:8 tells us that we must stay away from the rudiments of this world and its vain philosophy that can very subtly enter into our lives and pervert our lifestyle of worship where it becomes unacceptable to the Lord. We can get trapped into what the world now says is acceptable for our time and it precludes what God tells us through His Word what is acceptable to Him throughout any age and into eternity.

The "New Song" is inspired by God, not the ways of the world. The same as the "New Man in Christ" is inspired - breathed into - by God with His breath, His Spirit, into the spirit of the man and the man becomes renewed, born again - a totally new creature (a new species of being) in Christ.

God is a "now" God - the God of "today." Manna was given fresh every day. It was for what the people needed to survive for that very day. It was new and fresh every day. Any "leftovers" were ruined and became rotten. Ecclesiastes 3:8 tells us that His mercies are new every morning. Matthew 6:31 tells us to take no though for tomorrow - live one day at a time - in the moment.

The "New Song" is to be a fresh, unused, unworn and unprecedented for the times we are in. It is to declare that the climax of the ages is about to unfold. God is victorious. His plan of redemption shall be revealed. He is who He is – the "I am who I Am." He is the One is was, and is and is to come!!!

Who will sing it? Who will sing the New Song for these last days? Who has the "spirit song" burning within them that will release it? Not just in a song with vocal chords and music but also with a lifestyle, joined together with others of the same heart to make one beautiful, spiritual symphony that will be lifted up making a sweet sound unto the One who sits on the Throne and onto the Lamb in the midst of the Throne. Who will sing it? Will it be you?



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