

Music

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2 Kings 3:15 (ESV)

But now bring me a musician. And when the musician played, the hand of the LORD came upon him.

We want to talk about the untapped power of music. The heavens will be filled with music. Music breaks through physical barriers and spiritual darkness. Music is an avenue to release the power of God. Our praise, our songs, our music that glorifies God brings us into the presence of God. Therefore, Elisha needing direction from God called for a musician. And when the musician played, The Hand of the LORD came upon him.

Lesson #1 Music can call forth the Hand of God. We don't simply sing; we bring forth the presence of God. Music opens the door to the spiritual.

We also learn that music can cause evil spirits to flee.

1 Samuel 16:23 (ESV)

And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So, Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.

David played the harp and the Harmful spirit – the evil, damaging, distressful spirit – fled! Feel depressed, down, dejected? Music and Singing can call forth the Hand of God and cause the harmful spirit to flee. **Certainly, this applies to us individually, but also to any gathering of the church.**

Through music and singing The Hand of the LORD comes upon the congregation corporately and the harmful spirits flee.

In 2 Chronicles is a great example of powerful corporate power of music. Jerusalem came under a great surprise attack and being totally unprepared militarily, Jehoshaphat, the king, appointed singers to go before the army.

2 Chronicles 20:21–22 (ESV) NO/OH

²¹ And when Jehoshaphat, the King, had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say,

“Give thanks to the LORD,
for his steadfast love endures forever.”

²² And when they “began” to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the great army, who had come against Judah, so that they fled, they were defeated.

Lesson #2 When we “began” to sing and praise, the LORD will set up an ambush so that our enemies are defeated.

Music and singing brings us into the power of God.

Psalms 100:1–2 (ESV)

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with **singing**!

Come into HIS presence with singing could be easily understood as Singing will bring us into HIS presence.

Psalm 100:4 (ESV)

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Lesson #3 Music and singing opens God's gates and brings us into HIS courts.

In the NT we see Paul and Silas making music and singing then experiencing the Hand of God.

Acts 16:25–26 (ESV) NO/OH

²⁵ About midnight (while in jail) Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And **immediately all the doors were opened.**

When singing, immediately all the doors were opened. This is like entering his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Making music and singing puts us in a position to experience God. In the NT making music and singing, the fruit of our lips, is our gift to God, our sacrifice to God.

Hebrews 13:15 (ESV)

Through Jesus then let us continually offer up a **sacrifice of praise** to God, that is, **the fruit of lips** that acknowledge his name.

We offer up a sacrifice of praise, the fruit of our lips and it has power and brings us into the presence of God.

We see how music and singing call God into our physical circumstance releasing HIS presence into our lives. We see how music and singing ignites the Holy Spirit. This gives special meaning to what the Apostle Paul tells us.

Ephesians 5:18–19 (ESV)

Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and **spiritual songs**; singing!

Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, because it calls forth the Hand of God, causes our enemy to flee, and opens God's gates and brings us into HIS courts.

Brothers and sisters, you want to see the Hand of God in our life; do you want to see the Hand of God in our church; Make music and sing! We have a lot to sing about.

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.