



yTunes

A six part series on why God wants you to sing.

HERE I RAISE MY EBENEZER - WHATEVER THAT IS?

➤ REVIEW OF LAST WEEKS “HEAVEN’S TOP 40” MESSAGE:

? What does not make my singing or song a “hit” in heaven?

- Not the tune, the timing, the type, or the talent of the singer.

? What does make my singing or song a “hit” in heaven?

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. **Colossians 3:16** (NIV)

- A song that is a hit in heaven communicates truth, connects me to others, comes from my heart, and centers on God.

But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way. **John 4:23** (NLT)

So here's what I've concluded. I will pray in the Spirit, but I will also pray with my mind engaged. I will sing rapturous praises in the Spirit, but I will also sing with my mind engaged. **1 Corinthians 14:15** (TPT)

➤ LESSONS FROM A CLASSIC HYMN – “COME THOU FOUNT.”

1. THE TRUTH THE SONG COMMUNICATES FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Truth #1 - I am _____.

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; **Song v. 1a**

Jesus sought me when a stranger Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood; **v.3a**

For it's by God's grace that you have been saved. You receive it through faith. It was not our plan or our effort. It is God's gift, pure and simple. You didn't earn it, not one of us did... **Ephesians 2:8-9a** (VOICE)

Truth #2 - The grace that saved me, should _____.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee. **Song v. 4a**

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: **2 Corinthians 5:14** (KJV)

...the controlling force in our lives is the love of the Anointed One. One died for all; therefore, all have died. ¹⁵ He died for us so that we will all live, not for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose from the dead. **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** (VOICE)

Truth #3 To continue to _____, I must continue to _____.

Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. **1 Samuel 7:11** (KJV)

The Philistines were so badly beaten that it was quite a while before they attacked Israel again. After the battle, Samuel set up a monument between Mizpah and the rocky cliffs. He named it "Help Monument" (Ebenezer) to remind Israel how much the LORD had helped them. For as long as Samuel lived, the LORD helped Israel fight the Philistines. **1 Samuel 7:10, 11** (CEV)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for^u you. Do this in remembrance of me."^u ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." **1 Corinthians 11:23-25** (ESV)

- **THE TRUTHFULNESS COMMUNICATED FROM THE SINGER:**

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above. **Song v. 4b**

What you're after is truth from the inside out... **Psalms 51:6a** (MP)

2. **THE CONNECTION IT FACILITATES.**

Strength creates _____, Weakness creates _____.

My spiritual brothers and sisters, if one of our faithful has fallen into a trap and is snared by sin, don't stand idle and watch his demise. Gently restore him, being careful not to step into your own snare. ² Shoulder each other's burdens, and then you will live as the law of the Anointed teaches us. **Galatians 6:1-2** (VOICE)

So own up to your sins to one another and pray for one another. In the end, you may be healed. Your prayers are powerful when they are rooted in a righteous life. **James 5:16** (VOICE)

3. **IT COMES FROM THE HEART?**

Above all else, watch over your heart; diligently guard it because from a sincere and pure heart come the good and noble things of life. **Proverbs 4:23** (VOICE)