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A New Song



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Through the Psalms
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> Sing to the LORD a new song;
> sing to the LORD, all the earth.
> (Psalm 96:1)

The Psalms are full of exhortations to praise God in song. The one here quoted contains a special challenge. The LORD asks from us a *new* song. He never wants our praise of Him to become old or stale, or to degenerate into ritual and routine. How can we always be ready with a new song?

In Ephesians 5:18–19 Paul shows us the way: "Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the LORD" (nasb). Praise of the kind that the LORD requires and that Paul describes can come only from a heart supernaturally filled with the Holy Spirit. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is an indispensable prerequisite.

Out of the Spirit's fullness proceed three kinds of praise: psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Psalms are those already recorded for us in the inspired words of Scripture. In the category of hymns belong the grand, familiar songs of the Church that express our common faith. But spiritual songs are not composed in advance. They are given spontaneously by the Holy Spirit. They are truly "new" songs.

Each time we enter God's presence in worship and catch a glimpse of His grace or glory that we have never seen before, the Holy Spirit gives us a new song appropriate to the new revelation. It may be in our own language or in one given by the Spirit. In either case, it is a spontaneous response to a fresh revelation of God. Thus our worship always continues to be as fresh as God's unfolding revelation of Himself.

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