

MUSIC

Text: Lamentation 3.63

I am their music KJV

I am the object of their taunt songs (NRSV)

Subject: The Power of Music

Introduction

that Singing is to preaching what ploughing is to planting

My thesis is a Christian must have the capacity to respond to the challenges found in Secular music.

Jews in captivity found this out

Music is a Universal language, isn't it?

Text: Jerusalem in Judah – 5 poems to Lament the destruction of the Temple 586. BC and 70 AD

Grief and sadness are part of human experience

Eyewitnesses respond to this tragedy – even in music

It is a Communicative tool.

What you hear is an outward expression of a reality within Music connects, can release, read your minds, register your mood and describe physical pain.

- Illustrate – Paul and Silas sang and prayed in jail at mid-night Acts 16.25 – earthquake etc.

It is a gift from nature.

Music Choices Shape life's world-view

Music reveals our deeper experience and reality

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Music's messages should be examined to critique its values to assure what you sing is who and where you are.

Music can express our minds, emotions, body and spirit.

Music can be a relief value, medicine, vehicle for mischief etc

Music can arm you or disarm you.

Music can be a Survival Tool.

Slaves discovered the secret.

It is so powerful that more citizens voted for the winner of American Idol than for any president of our country

Music mirrors our deeper experience and reality

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Music can fill vacuums created by circumstances

Music is expressed in culture – ethnicity, national pride, tribal
And tribal relationships.

Just about everybody likes at least some kind of music. Of course, we have varying tastes on what we like.

Some of us like rock music – and some of us like jazz.

Some of us like country music -- and some of us like the blues.

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Some of us like classical music, and some of us -- perhaps -- may even like rap.

Music is the voice of the SOUL because it points to a transcendent realm that can only be experienced by a believer.

Something Within - Sings

Then sings my, my Savior God to Thee

How Great Thou art,

The Music of God is always in fact is all around us. but we can't hear it.

Heavens Sings

- Psalmist - The heavens declare the glory of God
- The morning stars sang together and the sons of men shouted for joy
- Angels were dispatched from heaven and sang Glory to God in the highest, peace and goodwill toward men

Then you can hear the music of God in our hearts.

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We can't experience it until we give our lives to God and receive the grace he extends to those who come to Him with humble open hearts.

What's true for music, in general, is also true of the music we employ for worship.

But there's another type of music that is so inspiring, o powerful, so full of wonder, that transcends all the other forms of music.

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Heavenly Music

Slaves

1. Over my head, I hear music in the skies, there must be a God somewhere
2. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres."
3. By the way, it doesn't matter if you're hearing-impaired. That won't keep you from hearing the music of the spheres.
4. Our hearts are impaired and block from hearing the divine melody.
5. NEGRO SLAVES
6. Psalm 98 begins by exhorting us to "Sing a new song to the LORD." Why? Because he has worked miracles . . . because He has won the victory.
7. We sing a new song because God's victory in Jesus Christ has changed everything.

BAD DAY -

COMPLICATED -

UNFAITHFUL - GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

WALK AWAY - LOOKING FOR YOU -