



“Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing out the honour of His name; make His praise glorious. Say unto God, “How awe-inspiring are You in Your work! Through the greatness of Your power shall Your enemies submit themselves to You.” Psalm 66:1 – 3

A book of psalms is, of course, called a psalter. That is, a collection of “psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” written with the express intent of assisting the people of God in their personal and corporate times of worship. With this understanding, we will obviously see a common thread running through these lyrics of exhortations to praise in all its varied and unique forms.

This psalm calls not only the individual but the nations to offer Him “glorious praise.” The New Testament requires us to “honour whom honour is due.” (Romans 13) How this should transform our praise services. These services should be electric in our jubilation and enthusiasm. Praise that is coerced is nothing more than a murmur or a complaint – only sung! To make our praise glorious is must issue from hearts that have been redeemed and know the touch of the Redeemer! This is the praise offered from grateful hearts and witnessing tongues that catch the attention of the lost. The free and willing offerings of God’s people in attitudes of adoration bring the awe-inspiring Presence on to the scene and when He is present; the sinner can not help but see his own sin. “...I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His glory filled the temple... Then I said, “Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” (Isaiah 5:1-6)

In this atmosphere of glorious praise, the lost are saved, the sick are healed, and the needy are blessed. It is in this atmosphere the righteous rejoice and most importantly – Jesus receives the honour due Him!

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