Beyond the Church

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There's More to the Song



I. INTRODUCTION

A. Everybody has a song

B. Music has an incredible ability to connect memories and emotions

- There are songs that remind us of God's faithfulness, or songs when we first came to Christ, songs that carried us through difficult seasons, and songs that remind us of encounters we've had with God. **We should treasure those moments**

C. God often reminds us to sing a new song.

Psalm 96:1 (NIV) Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Psalm 149:1 (NIV) [1] Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Isaiah 42:10 (NIV) [10] Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them.

Psalm 33:3 (NIV [3] Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

- New Song: Hebrew Shîr chādāsh, Shîr means a song or singing. Chādāsh means new or fresh.
- **A new song isn't necessarily new music. It's a fresh response to the God who is still at work**

II. FROM SHILOH TO SAMARIA — WHERE DO WE WORSHIP?

A. Shiloh to Jerusalem

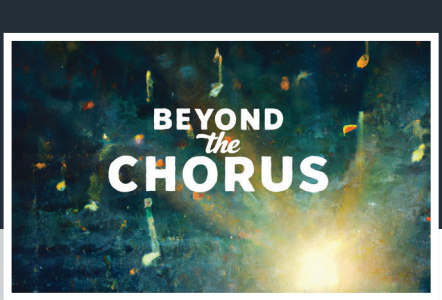
Joshua 18:1 (NKJV) Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of meeting there.

- For nearly 400 years, Shiloh was the established center of Israel's worship.
- Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem, and that became the place of worship
- The Samaritans believed Mount Gerizim was the proper place to worship.

John 4:20 (NKJV) Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.

- Sometimes the very thing that helped us encounter God in one season becomes something we insist God must use in every season.

John 4:21 (NKJV) Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.



C. This is what the Father is looking for

John 4:23 (NKJV) [23] But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the <u>Father is seeking such to worship Him</u>.

III. WHAT IS PRAISE AND WORSHIP?

A. Praise – a declaration of the greatness of God

Praise: Hebrew hālal It means to praise, celebrate, commend, or boast. It's the root of the word hallelujah—a call to praise the Lord. And it often carries the idea of exuberant celebration.

- Praise is giving voice to the greatness of God.
- Maybe our reluctance to express praise has more to do with our comfort than with Scripture.

C. Worship – recognizing God's worth and surrendering to Him

Worship: Greek Proskyneō – bow down, prostrate oneself, or express reverence and submission. It describes an act of homage before someone recognized as worthy of honor and authority.

- Praise declares how great God is. Worship responds to who God is

D. Two banks of a river

John 4:24 (NKJV) [24] God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- Without both banks, the water loses its direction.
  - Truth gives our worship substance, and the Spirit gives our worship life.

IV. BEYOND THE CHORUS

A. A new song

Psalm 40:1-2 (TPT) I waited and waited and waited some more, patiently, knowing God would come through for me, Then, at last, he bent down and listened to my cry. [2] He stooped down to lift me out of danger from the desolate pit I was in, out of the muddy mess I had fallen into. Now he's lifted me up into a firm, secure place and steadied me while I walk along <u>his ascending path</u>.

- What you know about God changes your worship. The depth of your worship is connected to the depth of your revelation of God

C. Give God your heart before you sing your song

Psalm 40:3 (TPT)[3] A new song for a new day rises up in me every time I think about how he breaks through for me! Ecstatic praise pours out of my mouth until everyone hears how God has set me free. Many will see his miracles; they'll stand in awe of God and fall in love with him!