

IT IS TIME TO CHANGE YOUR TUNE

Psa 40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Have you ever been going along and an old song from your past just popped into your brain and you found yourself singing it? It is amazing how songs can get put into our long term memory. Have you also noticed that now that you are saved you are able to recognize that many of the lyrics of old songs you used to like are not in line with the Bible? We need to learn to sing some new songs. The Bible talks a lot about singing a new song. Six different places in the Bible command us to sing a new song. I don't know about you but this begs me to ask two questions. The first is, "What kind of song is this new song?" The second one is, "If I am to sing a new song, then what old song does it replace?"

Let's answer the second question first and then move on to the first one. The first time singing a new song is mentioned is in the book of Psalms. This means the old song must be before this. If you follow along in the Bible the first place where a song is given to God's people to learn and to sing from God is found in Deuteronomy.

Deu 31:19 "Now therefore write this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the people of Israel.

God told Moses to write down a song He would give Him and that the people of Israel should learn it and sing it. The actual song is chapter 32 of Deuteronomy. This is a long song so I will give a summery of it. This song recounts how unfaithful Israel was and how much they failed God. Basically, it is a long song that speaks about how bad they were and how God was going to judge them. It foretold of their failings in the Promise Land and God's judgments. Israel learned this song and taught it to their children. This song was passed down the line. This song actually was fulfilled. They acted rotten and God judged them. God knew that as long as His people tried to live under the Law that it would just show how bad they were. The Law is a continual reminder about how bad you are and how good you ought to be. The more the people sang and focused on how

bad they were they lived in line with that. God gave this old song in hopes the people would turn to His grace, but they didn't! Praise God that there was a better plan for us today than the Law. God had a plan of redemption in which not only our sins would be forgiven but we would receive a new heart and spirit with the desire and power to live holy. God had grace in store. With the coming of the new covenant God had a new song for us! God wants you to learn this new song! The old song under the Law recounts your sins, failings, and how sorry you are. It focuses on God judgment and wrath. Many people live under a system of works and sing the old song. Under the New Covenant God wants you to learn a new song. Now, that we have looked at the old song which was under the Law, lets look at the new song God wants us to sing. The Bible actually records some lyrics of the new song!

Rev 5:8 *And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*

Rev 5:9 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

Rev 5:10 *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

This song is recorded in heaven. It is sung by the twenty-four elders. These elders represent both OT and NT people that were redeemed by faith in the Redeemer. People were saved in both the OT and NT by faith in the Redeemer. This song gives glory to Jesus Christ for redemption. **The new song is a redemption song!** It acknowledges what God has done in making His people kings and priests. It declares that we reign in Jesus Christ. This song really is a different tune than the old song under the Law! The old song spoke of how sorry we were. The new song speaks about how good God is and what He has done for us. It acknowledges what we have and are now because of the blood of Jesus!

Psa 96:1 *O sing unto the LORD a new song; sing unto the LORD, all the earth.*

Psa 96:2 *Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.*

Again the new song God has for us speaks about how good He is. It shows forth His salvation and all it includes. It praises God for righteousness, deliverance, wholeness, healing, and prosperity.

Psa 98:1 *A Psalm. O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.*

Psa 98:2 *The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.*

God right hand speaks about Jesus and His redeeming power. This new songs speaks about victory in God and not defeat. This song speaks about being righteous in Christ and not a sorry old sinner.

Psa 144:9 *I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.*

Psa 144:10 *It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.*

We are now the kings who have received salvation! We need to learn this new song. Unfortunately many have the old song of defeat ingrained into their minds and hearts. Many people seem to dwell and recount their failings and sins. They dwell on the failure of the past. They sing a negative view of God and themselves. They have a negative tune. Well it is time to change your tune! God does not want you to sing that old tune anymore. It is time to turn the blues into praises! He wants you to start to learn and sing His new song of redemption and grace.

Phm 1:6 *I pray that your participation in the faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ.*

God wants you to learn this new song by heart. He wants it ingrained into your mind and heart. This song acknowledges every good thing that is in you through Christ Jesus! Once this song gets into your heart you will begin to see your life transformed by the power that is in it! Once this gets down in your heart you will find it coming up in your thoughts and it will be on your lips before you realize it! It is time to change you tune and to sing a new song! Amen.