

Addressing One Another in Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

Ephesians 5:18-21

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*Praise is the expression of awe,
submission is the expression of humility.*

Worship is like a Garden...



There can be no garden without the soil, and there can be no praise without submission.

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4. Worship is possible because the Holy Spirit makes it possible.

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1. “Addressing” literally means “speaking.”
 - Socializing is when Christians get together and talk about general topics.
 - Fellowship is when Christians get together and talk about the things of God.

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2. Defining Psalms, hymns, & spiritual songs:
 - “Psalms” refer to the book of Psalms.
 - “Hymns” refer to organized compositions written in praise of God.
 - “Spiritual Songs” refer to spontaneous songs that rise up from the heart.

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What's Paul getting at when he exhorts us to speak to one another in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs?

***He's exhorting us to feast on
Christ together!***

What about being filled?

1. Speaking, singing, and making melody display the fact that we are filled with the Spirit.
2. Speaking, singing, and making melody are also means by which we are filled with the Spirit.