

**GOD IS OUR PRAISE!
EPHESIANS 5:15-21
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Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Take a few minutes to look over Ephesians 5:18-21 and ensure that you have a grasp of the truth that worship is about all of life and not just singing. Also, review the biblical pattern of praise: we see something of the glory of God, we rejoice in him, and then we sing aloud in praise of him.
2. The first reason we sing to God is because he is worthy to be praised. Look up some or all of the following passages, being sure to read them in context, and solidify this truth in your heart(s) (Deut. 10:21; 2 Sam. 22:4, 1 Chron. 16:10, 25, 29:10-13; 2 Chron. 5:13; Ps. 7:17, 35:27, 47:1-9, 48:9-11, 66:1-4, 95:1-7, 96:1-6, 99:1-5, 9, 100:1-5, 105:3, 106:1, 113:1-9, 135:1-7, 136:1-9, 145:1-9, 148:1-14).
3. The second reason we sing to God is because he reveals himself to us through his works and our hearts rejoice in him. Look up some or all of the following passages, being sure to read them in context, and solidify this truth in your heart(s) (Ex. 15:1-21; Deut. 10:12-22; Judg. 5:1-31; 1 Sam. 2:1, 2 Sam. 22:4, 50-51; 1 Chron. 16:7-36; 2 Chron. 7:1-3; Ezra 3:10-13; Neh. 12:27-47 [see v. 43]; Ps. 9:1-2, 18:1-3, 49-50, 20:5-6, 21:13, 28:6-7, 30:1-12, 32:10-11, 33:20-22, 34:1-7, 40:1-3, 48:1-3, 63:1-8, 65:12-13, 66:1-4, 71:22-24, 75:1, 81:1-3, 89:1, 92:1-4, 98:1-9, 104:33-35, 105:1-6, 107:1-3, 108:1-4, 109:30-31, 111:1-10, 118:1-29, 136:1-26, 139:14, 144:9-11, 146:1-2, 147:1-20, 149:1-6, 150:1-6; Is. 12:1-6, 25:1, 30:29, 44:23, 49:13, 52:7-10, 63:7-9; Jer. 20:13, 31:12; Zeph. 3:14-15; Luke 19:37; Acts 3:8-9; Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).
4. The third reason we sing to God is because he is faithful to his Word. Look up some or all of the following passages, being sure to read them in context, and solidify this truth in your heart(s) (Ps. 19:8; 33:4-12, 56:4, 10, 106:12, 112:1, 119:7, 54, 62, 164, 171-75, 138:1-8).
5. The fourth reason we sing to God is because we believe by faith he will deliver us. Look up some or all of the following passages, being sure to read them in context, and solidify this truth in your heart(s) (Ps. 5:11-12, 13:6, 27:6, 43:3-4, 54:1-7, 57:1-11, 59:16-17, 68:1-6, 69:29-36, 86:12-13, 101:1; Joel 2:26-27).
6. The fifth reason we sing to God is because we were created to declare his praise. Look up some or all of the following passages, being sure to read them in context, and solidify this truth in your heart(s) (Ps. 47:1-4, 67:3-7, 68:32-35, 96:1, 117:1-2; Is. 43:16-21; Rom. 15:8-13).