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Scripture Readings

AM: Romans 15:4-7 **PM:**

Upcoming Sermons

Sunday AM

December 11: Tom Van Alstine – The Like-Mindedness As Seen In Christ's Sermons

December 18: Philip Steele
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Sunday PM

December 11: #604 Bill Richards
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Sundays: 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 11, 2016

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To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

Are We Singing As We Should?

The bible clearly tells us how we are to sing to God. In Ephesians 5:17, we're told *"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"*. In Colossians 3:16, we're told *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."* Our singing is to be our voices only. We're not to sing with mechanical instruments at all. The melody is to be from our heart. This has been taught many times and must be taught many times more, so we never forget. We must worship God as He has told us and in the manner He has told us. And that means we must sing with our voices and only our voices, nothing else.

But some people think that is the only concern God has when it comes to our singing. As long as we sing with just our voices, then everything else is acceptable. The most important part of our singing to God is that we sing with only our voices and nothing else.

When we speak about singing, we must also address WHAT we are to sing. Both verses tell us what we are to sing – psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. These are the only songs that we are to sing as worship to God. Our singing, along with all the other acts of worship, are to praise and give glory to God. There are many good songs in the world, songs that are good to listen to and songs that are patriotic. While they're great to sing, they have no place during the worship service. The songs that we sing during our worship should only be psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

When we speak about singing, we must also address WHAT the songs are for. As Colossians 3:16 tells us, they are to teach and admonish. The songs we sing are to instruct us and correct us, which means our songs must come from God's word. It, also, means that the songs we sing must not contradict or go against God's word. We must know what each song is saying (1

Corinthians 14:15) and sing only those that teach correctly. There are some songs that have a great tune, but teach contrary to God's word. Even though they may sound pleasant, we must not sing them. Singing them would be the same as teaching them, which would be wrong. Therefore, we must understand that we teach and admonish with our singing.

Like with every act of worship, our singing to God must be in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We must sing as God has told us to sing, and we must sing only those songs which faithfully teach His word. We must look at each song and make sure it is proper for our worship service and that it is truthful. By doing that, we can be sure we're pleasing to God.

Philip Steele

Prayer Requests

- Joe Staggs
- Teresa Heinz
- Lillian's Brother
- Al Haskell (Kidney)
- Michael Golwitzer (Kidney)
- Marty Stearns (Health)
- McClaine Family
- John Shafer & wife Linda
- Tim Drummond
- Bob Stinnett (Heart Condition)

Mark Your Calendars

- December 18 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck Luncheon
- December 30 – Quarterly Seminar with Bruce Harris