

ROOTED - LESSON 11

BIBLICAL APOSTOLIC WORSHIP: THE POWER OF MUSIC

Key Scripture

1 Samuel 16:14-23

Saul had begun to turn away from God through disobedience. Eventually, the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul. David, however, is described very differently: **"the LORD is with him."** When David played his harp, Saul was refreshed, and the troubling spirit departed from him.

Spiritual problems require spiritual answers.

An Important Lesson from Saul

Saul's advisors recognized that he was troubled, but instead of dealing with the spiritual problem, they suggested music as temporary relief. The real issue was Saul's relationship with God.

Be careful about the people from whom you receive advice. Good advice does not merely make you feel better - it helps you get right with God.

What Is Music?

Music involves sounds produced by voices or instruments that are arranged to create an effect. Music is powerful because it affects our emotions, thoughts, atmosphere, and worship.

Qualities Mentioned About David

- He was a skilled musician.
- He was courageous.
- He knew how to fight.
- He showed good judgment.
- He was a good-looking person.
- The Lord was with him.

The most important thing about someone involved in worship is not simply talent, but whether the Lord is with them.

Music and Biblical Worship

Ephesians 5:18-19

Paul connects being filled with the Spirit with:

Psalms: Biblical songs expressing the heart to God.

Hymns: Songs of praise that exalt the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Songs: Songs that may flow spontaneously under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

Worship is not supposed to be a concert or performance where the congregation watches other people worship. Biblical Apostolic worship involves the entire congregation praising and worshipping God.

What the Bible Teaches About Music

1. We Make Music in Ministry to the Lord

Psalm 100:1-2; Ephesians 5:19

Our singing is ultimately directed toward God. Music ministry should exalt the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. There Was Music at Creation

Job 38:7

The morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy. Scripture associates music with creation itself.

3. There Will Be Music in Heaven

Revelation 14:2-3

John heard harps and a new song before God's throne. Music is part of worship now and in heaven.

4. We Come Into God's Presence With Singing

Psalm 100:2-4

Singing, thanksgiving, praise, and worship help turn our attention toward the presence of God.

5. God's House Should Be Filled With Singing

1 Chronicles 6:31-32

David appointed people for the service of song in the house of the Lord. Music was an intentional part of worship.

6. Singing Is an Important Ministry

1 Chronicles 9:33

Some Levites were dedicated continually to music. Music ministry is ministry - not merely entertainment.

7. Music Prepares Us for the Word

2 Kings 3:15-16

While the musician played, the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha, and the prophetic word followed.

8. Music Can Be a Weapon

2 Chronicles 20

Singers went before Judah's army praising God, and God gave supernatural victory. Praise is powerful in spiritual battle.

9. Music Creates an Atmosphere for the Supernatural

Acts 16:25-26

Paul and Silas prayed and sang before their circumstances changed. An earthquake followed; doors opened and chains were loosed.

10. Music Can Bring Healing and Refreshing

1 Samuel 16:23

When David played, Saul was refreshed and the troubling spirit departed. Godly music can bring spiritual refreshing.

11. Music Can Prepare Us for Difficulties

Mark 14:26

Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn before going to the Mount of Olives. Before facing an incredibly difficult time, they sang.

Music Must Glorify God

Because music is powerful, we should care about the kind of music we use in worship. True worship should:

- Be understandable.
- Bring peace rather than confusion.
- Edify the church.
- Exalt Jesus Christ rather than the music itself.
- Glorify God.

Colossians 3:16-17

Paul tells believers to teach and admonish one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in their hearts to the Lord. Everything should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The Bottom Line

Music can help us worship God, prepare our hearts for His Word, encourage us during difficulties, become a weapon in spiritual battle, create an atmosphere of faith, and bring refreshing to the soul.

The ultimate purpose of Apostolic music is not entertainment, talent, performance, or emotional excitement. The purpose is JESUS.

We don't just want good music. We want godly music.

We don't just want talented musicians. We want anointed worshipers.

We don't just want a song that moves us. We want worship that moves us toward God.