

# THE POWER OF WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

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**M**usic has always been part of our daily lives. According to my parents, even when I was an infant, I would always respond whenever I would hear my mother hum a tune. And according to them, my response was also a hum!

Before we even know it, we already interact with music. In fact, music plays a crucial role in most of our major life events. During birthdays, we would sing "happy birthday"; during graduation, people would march to the stage with background music; and during weddings, we would often hear a band play love songs. If we would try to imagine, life without music is lifeless. Music is a key component which completes our everyday experiences.

Even in church, music plays a major role in our worship services. Music allows us to meditate before the service starts. Music encourages the congregation to worship God. Music points people to God. Music reinforces the pastor's prayer.

Music indeed influences us in so many ways! Music is powerful!

In the Bible, we can see a lot of references to music and how it greatly helps us worship our Lord. Let me give you four (4)

reasons why music is powerful.

## 1. Music drives away evil spirits.

In 1 Samuel 16:14-23, we see how David drove away a harmful spirit. In this account, whenever Saul was tormented by spirits, David would play the lyre. As David's music begins to reach Saul's ears, he would be refreshed, and the spirit would depart from him. This passage tells us that godly music can provide an environment that would drive evil spirits away!

## 2. Music enhances our service to God.

In 2 Kings 3, Jehoshaphat was looking for a prophet through whom he may inquire of the Lord. The king's officer then presented Elisha to the king of Israel, to prophesy. Elisha obeyed the king and asked for a harpist. He asked the harpist to play music, and when the music was heard, the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha. While the music was playing, Elisha was able to prophesy. In this passage, we see that music motivates individuals to be more effective in God's service!

## 3. Music overpowers our enemies.

In Joshua 6, we can see how powerful music can be when

Joshua destroyed the secure walls of Jericho. In this account, the Israelites were commanded to march around the walls of Jericho while blowing their trumpets. After the Israelites obeyed God's command, the walls came tumbling down. Indeed, music has the capacity to overpower even the seemingly untouchable evil.

## 4. Music prepares us for battle.

In 2 Chronicles 20, we can see Jehoshaphat being faced with a formidable army which was comprised with at least three nations. By his own strength and resources, Jehoshaphat knew that he could do nothing against his enemies. However, God promised them victory. Jehoshaphat trusted the Lord and made music as preparation to their upcoming battle. As they sang praises and gave thanks to the Lord before battle, their enemies were defeated by God! Music indeed prepares us for battle, because through music, we remind ourselves of who God is and what He is capable of

Music, if used to bring honor and glory to God, truly is powerful! ✨