



The Last Trump

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The House of Jacob Newsletter

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In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:52

LET EVERY THING THAT HATH BREATH PRAISE THE LORD.

By Bro. Lemon and Sis. Cynthia

I've often wondered why music has a positive effect on people and our Creator. Most, if not all, cultures have an appreciation for it. In fact, I would venture to say that regardless of one's ethnicity, music is a part of entertainment and personal enjoyment; especially worship services. Have you ever considered the importance of singing and giving praises as it relates to the word of God?

Music like poetry, in our opinion, is elevating and refining in its nature, and would therefore have its place in the worship of God, and in the life and experiences of God's people. It is adapted to almost every mood and feeling of the human soul; and many times has stirred emotions when other means have failed. In addition to teaching and prayer, music is an excellent form of worship.

There are many examples of music and songs in the bible which show their usefulness as forms of praises and worship. On the other hand, music is often perverted to serve purposes of evil, and it thus becomes one of the most alluring instruments of temptation. But, rightly employed, it is a precious gift of God, designed to uplift the thoughts to high and noble aims.

In writing this article, so many questions and answers come to mind regarding this subject, for example:

Q. How are we told to come before the Lord?

Psalms 100:2 "Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing".

Q. How does David say such service (singing praises, rejoicing with song) is regarded by God?



Some of the House of Jacob choir members at their first fundraiser event.

Psalms 69:30-31 "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving, This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs."

Q. What instruction did Paul give concerning singing?

Colossians 3:16 "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."

Also, it is crucial that we express the importance of singing not for emotional highs, but to sing with understanding. To ensure that our praises are not as a noise unto the Lord. Psalm 47:6-7 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

During our research, we have learned that not only do singing and praises please God but that the roles of singers were held in very important positions in the Levitical Priesthood and in battle. Following are scriptures reflecting these roles.

There were very strict guidelines associated with the ark of the covenant. Case in point - 1 Chronicles 15:1-2,16,27 "And David made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. 2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the Lord chosen to

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carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.¹⁶ And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy. ²⁷ And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chen-a-ni'ah the master of the song with the singers:"

Another example is the singers' role in battle during the reign of King Je-hosh'-a-phat. When the king had heard about a great multitude coming up against him he consulted with the Lord and prepared for battle. II Chronicles 20:1,21-22 "It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Am'mon-ites, came against Je-hosh'-a-phat to battle. ²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and

that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth forever. ²² And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Se-ir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten." One could only imagine the great feeling of victory experienced by Israel during their triumph over the great multitude. What comes to mind – If God is for you, he is more than the whole world against you.

Hopefully these examples foster a new outlook on the seriousness of singing and praising God. It is unfortunate that we ignore our gifts/talents and avoid using them to glorify our God who is worthy to be praised, as the following scriptures reflect:

Psalms 147:1,7-8,19 "Praise ye the Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God: for it is

pleasant; and praise is comely. Sing unto the Lord with thanks giving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: ⁸ Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. ¹⁹ He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel."

Psalms 150:1-4 "Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.."

This article has depicted the vital roles of singers and the awesomeness of praises as it relates to scripture. There have been several questions answered but one question remaining to be answered by you. When was the last time you sang praises unto the Most High God? Psalm 150:6 "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

The House of Jacob Choir

We are the House of Jacob Choir standing before the congregation, singing songs of praises to our Lord and Savior. We come before you every Sabbath Day to share the gift of song God gave us to sing. Listen to the words we sing for they are of truth and knowledge not sung just for the sake of entertaining you.

I had the honor and pleasure of interviewing each choir member who shared their personal message of why they love to praise the Lord through song. It was a wonderful, unique experience to watch their faces light up every time they spoke of the Lord. It was a privilege to witness their joy.



May our songs inspire you...

May they lift your spirits and energize you...

May our voices ring of God's truth...

May God bless you, our extended family of sisters and brothers in the House of Jacob congregation.

The House of Jacob choir singing at a previous feast, at the Trucker's Union hall.

Praise God through song

Lois Ashford stated, "All I want to do is serve God and keep his commandments."

Gene Carr like many of the other choir members never had any formal training. His love and joy for singing started in high school and resumed when he joined the House of Jacob Choir in the year 2002. Gene loves serving the Lord through song. He believes singing is like a ministry. He stated, "Brother Daniel preaches the word and we sing messages to edify and inspire those who have ears to hear."

Belinda Cooper started singing in a youth choir at the age of nine. She has always enjoyed singing however since joining the House of Jacob Choir; her joy for singing God's praises is more passionate. She stated, "For we sing with understanding in accordance with God's word; which is another form of getting God's message out."

Beverley Davis started singing in a youth choir at the age of nine. As an adult she sang in spiritual groups and taught children to sing in the youth choir. Beverley is one of our newest members. She stated, "I love to sing the Lord's praises. It makes me feel very happy."

Yvonne Freeman has been singing since she was eight years old. She loved singing Aretha Franklin and Diana Ross around the house as a youth. With no professional training and unable to read musical notes, Yvonne soon realized singing was a gift from God. Her first love is writing spiritual poetry which is another gift from God. She stated, "it is an honor and privilege to praise God through poetry and song."

Samson Friend has always wanted to sing in church since he was a child. He joined the House of Jacob choir to praise God through song. Samson stated, "Singing the Lord's praises is my way of communicating with God and I feel he hears my voice."

Ann Hall joined the House of Jacob Choir in February, 2007. She is one of our newest members. Ann has been singing since she was eight years old in other traditional church choirs. She started singing again in The House of Jacob Choir because as stated, "I love singing praises to the most high God."

Rose Harris started singing in a youth choir at the age of nine in a Baptist church. She was one of few who joined the House of Jacob Choir when the ministry originally started on North Avenue. Rose's joy for singing the Lord's praises escalated with her understanding of the word. She stated, "The words we sing are in line with the words preached in this ministry."

LaShawn Hollingsworth better

known as Joseph, started singing at the age of eight and writing love ballads at the age of fifteen. He loves both writing and singing God's praises of truth and knowledge. Before writing LaShawn prays to God for guidance and direction. He Stated, "I believe the skills I was given are gifts from God therefore I must give back and share these gifts with others."

Nalo Hooper immediately joined the House of Jacob Choir four months after joining the congregation. She sang in a youth choir at the age of twelve and hasn't sung since she joined the House of Jacob Choir. Naylo sings God's praised to lift up his voice. She stated, "In that spiritual moment that he hears my voice he knows I am sincere in trying to serve my Lord."

Joseph Lemon started writing and creat
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Kosher Kitchen

STEVIA CARROT CAKE RECIPE

- 3 eggs beaten
- 3/4 C veg oil (I use unsweetened organic apple sauce)
- 3/4 C buttermilk
- 2 C sugar (I use two 1/4 or 1/2 tsp NSP Stevia)
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 C all purpose flour (I use oat, your choice)
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 can 8 oz crushed pineapple, undrained
- 2 C grated carrots
- 1 C raisins (I would never ruin a cake with raisins, I add more nuts)
- 1 C chopped nuts
- 1 C flaked coconut (don't always have this one personally)

Stevia is a healthy,
natural alternative
to sugar.

In a mixing bowl combine eggs, oil (apple sauce), buttermilk, sugar (Stevia) (I add the stevia to the dry ingredients) and vanilla and mix well. Combine flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt, stir into egg mixture. Stir in pineapple, carrots, raisins, nuts and coconut. Pour into a greased and floured 13x9x2 baking pan. Bake at 350 for 30 min. (check with the tooth pick method for doneness) Only add time if necessary. Do not overbake. Remove to wire rack to cool. In another mixing bowl make your favorite frosting. This calls for a cream cheese which tastes wonderful (if you like that sort of thing), but that would put the calories and sugar into this recipe so I am leaving the frosting to you. Cake yields 12-16 servings.

Scholarships, Internships and Jobs

SCHOLARSHIPS:

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"Call Me MISTER" program

Do you know any African American males who are seniors in high school who want to go to college out of state for FREE? Several Black Colleges are looking for future African American male teachers and will send them to universities/ colleges for 4 years FREE.

The "Call Me MISTER" program is an effort to address the critical shortage of African American male teachers particularly among South Carolina's lowest performing public schools. Program participants are selected from among under-served, socio-economically disadvantaged and educationally at-risk communities.

Visit <http://www.callmestermemster.clemson.edu/index.htm> for more details and the online application or call (800) 640-2657.

SPREAD THE WORD!

JOBS:

The Federal Aviation Association is taking applications for **air traffic controller school**. Must be under 31. With some effort they could reach a salary of over \$100,000 with benefits in about 3 years. You need only a high school diploma to apply and credit is given for college on the exam. They need to go to faa.gov

<<http://faa.gov/>> (http://www.faa.gov/jobs/job_opportunities/airtraffic_controllers/)

for details and to fill out the application immediately - even if they don't know if they'd want to attend immediately - it's the federal government and it may take them months to call. The key is to apply ****NOW****. There will be a lot of retirements coming up rather quickly and they need to line up candidates. This is a great opportunity and it should be noted that choosing a site like Anchorage or Indianapolis to train is a likely acceptance into the training program - after-which you can transfer anywhere in the country that has a tower.

Students in need of help with Math
Brother Alan can assist you FREE tutoring or assistance:
Algebra, Calculus
- Call Brother Alan at: 708-491-7084

If you would like to have regular updates emailed to you about internships, scholarships and/or job postings email the Last Trump and request this information

If you have information on scholarships, classified ads or other useful information please pass along to
The Last Trump newsletter at: lasttrumpnewsletter@yahoo.com or
Sis. Marguerite Wright - 708-299-7319

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Upcoming Feast Day

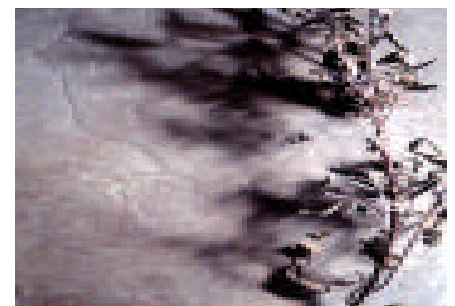
This year's Feast of Pentecost will be held at the Trucker's Union Hall
1645 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60612

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST
Starts Saturday, May 26th at Sundown.
Services held on Sunday, May 27th at Noon.

Herbal Tips

The herb **Licorice Root** is helpful for singers or public speakers to help the pharynx of the throat when preparing to sing or speak.

Some liquids can be applied topically to the throat using a gentle massage to ease pain. Also, sucking on **Slippery Elm** or **Licorice powder** may help.



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Praise God through song

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ing house music in the 80's. He was drafted into the House of Jacob Choir however in time after getting pass his nervousness, Joseph began to enjoy singing. His first love however is writing and creating music to edify God's word. He wants to express positive messages of praise other than what people are listening to now. Joseph stated, "I give all the praises to God for the gift of song and music."

Katrina Lemon started singing all kinds of songs around the house at the age of ten. She never sang in any other choir until she was drafted in the House of Jacob Choir of which she stated, "I just love singing praises to the Lord."

Doris Little discovered her love for opera at the age of twelve. She studied classical music at the age of nineteen. Doris has always sung in different choirs and as a guest singer in other churches. She stated, "Singing is like breathing

to me. It's a gift from God; it's how I give back to God."

Paul Mercede never sang in a choir before joining the House of Jacob Choir, which he joined because of his daughter. Since joining, Paul stated that, "Singing for the Lord has given me more pleasure than I could ever imagine. It makes me feel good inside knowing that I did something good for the Lord."

Ruby Pollard started singing around the house at the age of ten however she never sang in a choir until she joined the House of Jacob Choir. Ruby stated, "My love for the Lord and my love of singing God's praises make me feel so good. I get so full that there are time when I can't even finish the song I'm singing."

Tracy Redmon started singing at the age of seven however she never sang in a choir. She is one of our newest members. Although drafted, Tracy hesitated to join because she though

she would be over her head. However after practice and choir rehearsals, she now knows she can hold her own. Tracy stated, "Singing to the Lord is how she honors him; it's how she communicates with God other than prayer."

Cynthia Walker started singing at the age of nine in the youth choir at school and traditional churches. She joined the House of Jacob Choir when it first began on North Avenue. When asked how she felt about singing for the Lord Cynthia referred to Psalms:149 and 150 stating, "When you think about everything God has done for us how can you not be excited about praising the Lord through song."

Donna Wynn loves singing God's praises so much that she utilized whatever free time she had to join the choir. Donna started singing in a youth choir at the age of nine. She stated, "My mission is to do whatever God wants me to do."

Members of the House of Jacob Choir



Inside the House of Jacob – The Lord’s Servants, Spread the Gospel

Congratulations on the New Birth of baby boy _____

Born to _____
- pounds and - oz.
- inches
Born on _____

ting information to the Last Trump Newsletter please email your documents or save them on
January - David and Lora
Indiana baptism Young
- Kieth and Gathy
Riley Chicago baptism
a cd or disk. Please turn in all information on a Word document.
We are always in need of:

- Articles
- Scholarships
- Classified ads
- Photos
- Recipes
- Health tips
- Poetry
- Testimonies
- Book Reviews
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Condolences To _____

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History and information books available Ask for the book list at the information center. See Brother Andre Russell.

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Recent Baptisms in the Name of Jesus

Newsletter If you are interested in submit-

The House of Jacob Choir Presents
2nd Steppers Event
Sunday, May 27, 2007
After Pentecost Feast at sundown
8:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Oak Leaf Lounge
7412 W. Harrison Street
(2 blocks West of Harlem)

Contact a choir member for your ticket



Live broadcast of bible class every sabbath online

Log on www.thehouseofjacob.net to watch the lesson every Saturday at 1:00 p.m.(standard central time).



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Channel 22
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Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.
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or 71
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Sundays at 7:00 a.m.

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Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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Detroit, MI 48227-4040
Every Sabbath (Saturdays)
@ 12:30 PM

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Holton Youth Center
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@ 12:30 PM



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