

Power of Instruments – Transforming Power of Playing Music

Last week, we studied scriptures about how Satan was not the worship leader in Heaven, and how this was not a job assigned to any angel for that matter. In this week's study, we'll go over what a musician playing an instrument has the ability to accomplish and what the Lord expects of them.

I don't really want to discuss lyrics in any detail, but I don't want to completely skip over them either. **I will say briefly that some popular songs we sing in church do not line up with the Word.** Singing things that are against the Bible can cause confusion in your soul or poison your faith. When you're believing God for something, you don't want to sing against what you're standing for in faith. Having contradictions within you can point your feet toward the "*double-minded man*" path. Here are some lines to a song I mindlessly sang for many years:

Blessed Be Your Name

When the darkness closes in, Lord

Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Though there's pain in the offering

Oh, blessed be Your name

Is the darkness supposed to close in on Christians? Is our response to darkness supposed to be praising the Lord? "*Give and take away,*" if you read all the lyrics, it's referring to Job's misunderstanding of The Lord (Job 1:21). Where in the Bible is there supposed to be pain in the offering? I only see pain in the offering concerning idol worship. You might feel pain from the world, but certainly not painful to praise God. **This song will confuse your faith, and I think that Jesus, who died a painful death on the cross for us, isn't really thrilled about how I was mindlessly singing about pain mixed in my offering to Him.** I've said and have done so many mindlessly religious things. I always remind myself to be my own bouncer to my own entrances. I check everything at the door! Music can move us forward or backward.

David created almost all the modern instruments that we use today. If it was not David, then it was Solomon. Some old school Christians say that we shouldn't be using guitars or any other modern instruments because of how the devil used them. Most of that generation has passed, but their attitude has been passed down and remains in some churches today. I assure you the devil has and still does use the piano they feel so safe playing. Through people, the devil has misused magazines, books, TV's, vehicles, and even food. All the things that Christians use. It would be absurd for anyone to teach how the devil misused these things, and as a result we shouldn't use them. **Handing the drums and guitars over the secular world is like Christians handing over the rainbow to the "Alphabet Community"** and saying to them, "*OK, now it's completely yours because 'it attracts Satan.'*" There are still churches today that teach that drums are to be kept out of church because it will attract the devil, yet the congregation walks to the back fellowship hall where numerous people engage in some form of gluttony. I know because I've been to some of these churches. Unless you're prone to sin with guitars, drums, or amplifiers, there's no need to abstain from musical instruments that were created by God through man. The real issue is the person behind the instrument, not the instrument itself.

1 Chronicles 23:1-5 NKJV

¹ So when David was old and full of days, he made his son Solomon king over Israel. ² And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. ³ Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and above; and the number of individual males was thirty-eight thousand. ⁴ Of these, twenty-four thousand were to look after the work of the house of the Lord, six thousand were

officers and judges, ⁵ four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand praised the Lord with musical instruments, “which I made,” said David, “for giving praise.”

David had 4,000 men playing instruments. They were not singers; they were playing instruments. Think about that for a moment. People get mad at mega-churches for having extensive bands and music, and here we have a band of 4,000 men praising the Lord with instruments. Can you imagine the thunderous sound of praise music going out over the land? Looking again at verse 5, this is an important scripture to meditate on for a while. **David made instruments for giving praise to the Lord**. This means a drummer, guitarist, bagpipe player, or even that annoying man playing the spoons can praise the Lord with those instruments. Spoons? Yeah, let's hope I'm wrong and there isn't a spoon playing section in the Heavenly band.

The word "**praise**" in our English Bible is very vague and generic. There are eight different Hebrew words that have been translated for us as "praise." The word praise used by Daniel is "**halal**," and it means 3 things:

1. "Boast, and rave." This means there is a way to boast about God by playing an instrument. Raving on an instrument means to play with enthusiasm or admiration for God.
2. "Clamorously foolish." We don't really use this type of speech anymore. We might say, "*pounding out some tunes.*" This definition tells us there is a way to use an instrument to get so excited about the Lord you get a little wild with it.
3. "Celebrate, make a show." In short, this means to party with your instrument before the Lord. Praise and worship should never be robotic. We shouldn't stand still, stare straight ahead, or even be depressing... unless you're used to having depressing parties, in which case, I don't think anyone would show up. The whole idea is to have a good time with the Lord.

As we can see from just this one-word, "**halal**," the secular world has the right idea of what we're supposed to be doing with instruments more than most of the churches do. That's a sad but true thought. We just really don't know! People go to a secular concert to see the musicians play with enthusiasm, get wild, and put on a show. The crowd gets into the music by singing, jumping, and sometimes dancing. This scene of praise is what we're supposed to have in church. **Why, that's a wild thought for me to even think yet alone say because of religious upbringing in conjunction with what we're accustomed to experiencing in a church service!** We must do everything in order, right? Three fast songs, two slow songs, announcements, and offering with a happy offering song. Done. **Halal** on instruments most often isn't really welcome because we don't see this in our English language. Neither the Lord nor David told musicians to take an instrument, make a somber face, and play while trying not to move too much. In our modern-day world, if musicians treat instruments anything close with true **halal**, they're labeled a "*seeker-friendly church*" that has a "*concert*" instead of "*true*" (boring) worship. If a drummer goes **halal** it's referred to as a "*drum solo*" and it could be viewed as prideful and unnecessary. **Halal** is shunned by many Christians because we have not yet learned what true **halal** means. In our day, it feels like uncharted territory. It feels backwards to think that they partied for The Lord much better than we do!

I think we should change the song "1999" to, "1000!" *So, tonight I'm gonna party like it's 1000 BC. WOOO!* I don't know the words to that song, just that part from tv, but I think I might be onto something here.

Halal is used in the Bible 165 times according to Strong's Concordance. When the word "**praise**" is used, it's most often referring to this bold form of worship. You might be wondering why you haven't heard of this word before, but you have! **Halal** is the root word for **Hallelu**, the beginning part of **Hallelujah**. **Hallelu** is praise in the imperative form, "*you [must] praise.*" **Jah**, or **Yah** is the shorten name of **Yahweh**. "Imperative" sounds a little rough, but the way it was explained to me is that "**Hallelu**" is a corporate call to praise **Yah**, or **Yahweh** in celebration type show. The next time you sing **Hallelujah**, remember to "get your bold praise on" with your instrument, or your voice.

You might be sitting there thinking, "*The Bible says that we're to worship in spirit and in truth, not do whatever we want.*" To that, I say that the Old Testament was a shadow of the good things to come (Hebrews 10:1). If they partied better than us, then we should definitely make some changes. Why shouldn't we think the Holy Spirit would like to cut a rug too? Hehe! I don't think most modern Christians, me included, have explored true

halal enough to fully understand what worshiping in Spirit can be, and what it can produce. The Lord began to teach me things, but I know I need to learn so much more. What's stirring in my heart is how the army of Israel sent praise and worshippers out in battle before of their army. Shouldn't our New Testament style praise and worship do even more than that?

2 Chronicles 20:21 NKJV

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should HALAL the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise ("yada," meaning "giving thanks") the LORD, For His mercy endures forever."

1 Chronicles 25:1 NKJV

Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals.

That scripture is worth repeating! "Prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals." Musicians can prophesy without lyrics. Some people say, "*prophesy is done away with!*" That is a lengthy discussion for another time. There is absolutely no scripture supporting that as a fact. Believing that "*it has been done away with*" causes a controversial issue in scripture. There will be two witnesses prophesying in the end times. We can't say, "*Look, it's gone because the Bible is here. Hey, look it's randomly back over here in Revelations.*" It's either gone or it's not gone. God is either the same yesterday, today, and forever, or He's not. **Saying it's gone means they had better worship music in the Old Testament than we do today. Lucifer was prophesying with music before any human or covenant.** This issue is way beyond the Old Testament and New Testament, that's why we looked at Lucifer first.

Let's stop for a moment and define prophecy so that we're all on the same page. Paul describes **prophecy** in **1 Corinthians 14:3** NKJV

But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Edification means **improvement**. **Exhortation** means to **urge someone to act**. **Comfort** means the **easing or elimination of bad feelings**. Revelational prophecy would be speaking future events, which is something entirely different. Prophesying into the future requires the gift of prophecy. **I'm just saying let's not roll everything into one lump and throw it into the trash. I would suggest seeking edification, exhortation, and comfort,** the church is BADLY in need of these things! No Christian should be arguing that those three have been done away with for us today, or that we cannot receive prophecy through music. If you've been upset and received comfort through Christian music, then you've been prophesied to through an instrument. I know. It sounds completely weird!! **How many times through the years have we seen people cry when Amazing Grace even without lyrics is played?** Praise the Lord! If the unsaved, non-anointed, Old Testament musicians had that ability, then how much more do the Spirit-filled Christians of today?

1 Chronicles 25:1, 3-4 NKJV

¹ Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. And the number of the skilled men performing their service was:

Skip down to verse 3.

³ Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and to praise the Lord

There is specific mention of Jeduthun prophesying a second time with an instrument. In Hebrew, anywhere you see repetition, it means that what's being repeated is significant. For example, we read Jesus saying, "*Verily I say unto you,*" but what He really said in Hebrew was, "*I, I say unto you.*" Repetition was their version of the bold button.

⁴ Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth. ⁵ All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to exalt his horn. For God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

Unlike many cultures today, in ancient Israel's culture, names were very significant. In ancient Hebrew, inquiring about someone's name is the same as inquiring about their character.

The name of the father, Heman, and his 14 sons tell us about prophetic music. The entire Bible is prophetic and there are so many hidden treasures waiting to be found. The name of Heman and his sons are one of the deep, hidden treasures to those of us who are reading in English. **The father and first 2 names tell us what The Lord is looking for from the person playing the instrument.** Not just anyone can pick up any instrument and prophesy. **The remaining 12 names tell us what this prophetic music will do for those listening to the music.** There is no mention of the daughter's names.

What the Lord is looking for in a musician:

I have something for you to take home, so please just focus on listening for now.

Heman – he who is faithful

The root word from which Heman comes means faithful. If you want to be a musician, you must be faithful. Along with faithfulness comes faith. You must also have faith that the Lord is going to use you to accomplish something with your music.

Bukkiah – proved of Yah (Yahweh) and pour out to Yah (Yahweh)

His name is rooted in the word **baqaq**, which means, "*to pour out/empty out*," so Bukkiah's name carries both meanings. Music comes from the heart of a person, and it pours out of their heart. We want our musicians to be proven by The Lord. So many times, we've seen Christian bands start off as Christian. The band rises to the top, and then they decide to not be labeled Christian "*to get people saved*," and then we find out that they abandoned God one album later. On a local level, how many times have Christian musicians idolized secular musicians and practice playing to their music, because they are "*just admiring their playing and nothing else?*" The Lord is looking to anoint musicians who prove themselves to Him, so it's safe for the listeners when they pour their heart out while they play.

On the flip side of this, with secular music, when the band members have been contacting demons, drinking, doing mind-alerting drugs, and/or partying, they're pouring what's inside of them out to the audience. Sometimes musicians just flat out play the devil's tunes. **Dave Mustaine**, who was originally with the band **Metallica** before creating his own band, **Megadeth**, played a *chord progression* that he described as, "*the devil's tri-tone*" and talked about how it's heard frequently in death metal music. The musicians are allowing demons entrance into themselves, and then pouring out what's been done inside them directly to anyone who's willing to listen. That's exactly why people go to concerts and do things there they normally wouldn't do. It's not just heavy metal music, country music of old was depressing because it was sung by a bunch of alcoholics. They're literally pouring their heart out to you about how they lost everything; well drunks tend to lose things from their keys to their wives. After listening to it, you might get up the next morning and feel a little gloomy, but you can't figure out why. This can happen with *all* types of music.

Mattaniah – gift of Yah (Yahweh)

People playing in the church should have a gift from God. There are people who attempt to force the ability to play an instrument. That's ok in their own life, but these people aren't called to be part of the praise and worship band. Maybe you've tried a variety of instruments, and have no musical gifts or talents whatsoever. Well, safe to say, that's not The Plan God has for you. We should be looking for people gifted by Yahweh.

What anointed music can do for us:

Uzziel – my strength is God

Anointed music will strengthen you. If you're feeling like your armor has gotten beat up, you're going through a storm, or you just feel like hell was unleashed in your life, then anointed music has the ability to bring strength into your life. Even in the secular world, people talk about "*their song*," and how it helped them through a difficult time. So much more can anointed music bring you to a stronger place in Yahweh.

Shebuel – captive of God

The root word of his name is **shabah**, which means "*carried away captive, carried off, driven away, led them captive, take them away captive*," and I think you get the idea. His name gives us the understanding that anointed music can hold something captive and drive it away from you. You might be thinking, "*Whaaat?*" How about depression? Anointed music can hold depression captive and drive it away from you. What about a defeated attitude? The enemy has been defeated, and we're overcomers in Christ. Anointed music can take defeat captive and lead it away from you.

Jerimoth – elevations, rise, raise, exalt.

"represents the state of being on a higher plane" or "moving in an upward direction."

The anointed music itself should bring us up into a higher place spiritually. Some people may think, "*Well that's never happened to me!*" Spend time being engaged in anointed music, and it will start to produce results. At the beginning you may find that you need 20 mins of worship to press into that higher place in Christ. As you gain faith and expect that higher place, you can press in faster and faster. You may wonder how in the world do people in some churches spend two hours in praise and worship and not get so very bored. That's how!

Hananiah – Yahweh has favored

When you're in that atmosphere, favor will come upon you. You might be thinking, "*Well, isn't this a bit too much to believe?*" No! Not at all. The Bible tells us in Hebrews 11:6 that *God is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him*. That's exactly what praise and worship is all about, us diligently seeking the Lord not asking for a thing. Great men of God who have run their race and are now at home in Heaven have said *that praise and worship is the highest form of prayer*. I think this study reveals why. Psalm 91 mentions dwelling in *The Secret Place of The Most High*; this is a place of love (see *That's The Power of Love Series*). You pouring your love out on God, praise and worship, will bring you into *The Secret Place*.

Hanani – gracious, from the root word "Chanan," which means "to show *kind favor* and be gracious"

That's double favor! Kind favor means that God will show us kind favor, also known as grace, as we listen to and engage in anointed music. I don't want to give the impression that sitting like a lump to anointed music will cause grace to show up and transform your life, but engaged listening will bring the manifestation of grace. You know the difference between being annoyed at the chicken dance when you hear those first few notes versus being engaging in the chicken dance music. Don't know the chicken dance? How about the hokey pokey?

Eliathah – God's consent, but it's derived from the words "ale," which means "mighty, and power," and "ooth," which means to "come"

God is consenting to His mighty power coming upon us when spend time with anointed music. This isn't referring to when someone sings a song and you cry or have goose bumps. It's God's anointing on the actual music. The Bible says, the anointing breaks the yoke (Isaiah 10:27)!

Giddalti – It means, "I have made great."

Proper playing of an instrument under the hand of God will make you great. What does "*great*" mean? His name is from the word **gadal**. This word means "large (in various senses, as in body mind, estate or honor) magnify, nourish up, grow up (as in become strong, great or wealthy)." This means that God will start to

change everything around you, and even how people see you. You might be wondering, "*Money? Why would God give me money in exchange for engaging in His anointed music?*" I think this popular saying explains it, "*Time is money, and money is time.*" Ok, all joking aside. This is more about establishing you and making you a firm foundation. Should you live day to day with no food money and not enough money to pay the bills? I know religious people *love* saying we should live by faith. But no, God wants His true worshipers to have spare food, spare money to buy healthier food, and clean water to drink. He wants our minds to be great, as in a sound solid mind that doesn't worry and have calm productive thoughts. That's what being engaged in anointed music can do for you!

Romanti-ezer – I have raised up a help

While we're busy spending time with the Lord in the right music, He's busy raising up a helper for us. "Ezer" means "helper," and it's used other places in the Bible to refer to both human help and spiritual help. Under His anointed music, while you're focused on Him, He's focused on helping you. While you're praising like David, He's working on your problems.

Joshbekashah – spiritual returning (away from evil and vice, and towards God) to dwell in rest, subduing a foe by force, and then taking into their possession the wealth of the defeated party

This man has quite the name. If you looked this word up in Strong's concordance, you'll see it means "*hard seat.*" Who names their kid "*a hard butt?*" You have to study the smaller words that make up this man's name to understand what it means. *Seat* also means "*dwelling*" or "*inhabit.*" *Hard* is a military term which means "*captivity*", "*captor*" that has been spoiled. Sooo... that tells us that spending time with music played by Christians that are right with the Lord can return us to dwell in rest while our enemies are being subdued and spoiled. Wow! If that doesn't make you want to get in the Lord's presence right now, I don't know what else could!!

Mallothi – "I have spoken or uttered," the root word of his name relates to the cycle of harvest, storage, and redistribution/overflow

The Lord says in Isaiah 55:11 *His Word will accomplish what He pleases, and His Word will prosper wherever He sends it.* Keeping Isaiah in mind, anointed music will bring the Word of the Lord to you that produces a *harvest*, a *supply*, and an *overflow*. You might be wondering what kind of harvest this is that the Lord speaks of. It would be whatever seeds you planted into the ground! Simply put, while you're basking in His presence, He's calling in an abundant harvest. If you didn't plant seed, start planting so you can receive a harvest. If you're still confused, ask yourself, "*What kind of harvest do I want... Bible Revelations? Know The Plan of God for my life? Breakthrough? Healing?*" Whatever you're looking for, find a scripture and pray according to that scripture. That's how we plant seed, with scriptural prayer!

Hothir – abundance or super abundance

The root verb of his name means "to remain," or "to cause a remainder," as in the remainder of the money left over after the bills are paid! Remainder of food supply. Remaining favor. Whatever scriptures you are believing God for. Abundant and even super abundant leftovers are waiting to be given to us when we're in the presence of The Almighty God. You think I made this up? One of His Names in the Old Testament is El Shaddai, All-Sufficient One (provision and sustenance). This is super abundance of sustenance. You can say "*No, Jesus!*"

Mahazioth – to see or have visions

The right music being played can take you to the place where you can see what God has for you. I know some people might be a little freaked out by this thought, but please don't be! When I spend time in God's presence with anointed music, I, with my own mind, can see myself as the overcomer, and the winner. I believe the Holy Spirit empowers me to see myself as He sees me, to see the Word producing fruit in my life. I never want to rule out seeing real visions, but I don't think this meaning is limited to one type of visions. **We are dealing with**

the Old Testament here. I don't see a strict definition of vision in Hebrew. There is nothing wrong with seeing yourself as God sees you. Society keeps honoring the devil for his ability to give demonic visions. If you listen to some artists, movie writers, movie producers, and so on, they will talk about this "*vision*" they kept having, and how they "*knew*" that they "*had to bring it to life,*" or as we would see it, bring the demonic into the natural realm. If the devil can do it for his followers, so much more can The Lord of Heaven help us visualize our success or overcoming.

Hand of The Lord

1 Samuel 16:14-23 NJKV

¹⁴ But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the Lord troubled him. ¹⁵ And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from ~~God~~ **elohim is troubling you. ¹⁶ Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from ~~God~~ **elohim** is upon you, and you shall be well."**

¹⁷ So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me."

¹⁸ Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him."

¹⁹ Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." ²⁰ And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul. ²¹ So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. ²² Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." ²³ And so it was, whenever the spirit from ~~God~~ **elohim was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.**

Yahweh, the God the Heaven, did not send a distressing or evil spirit upon Saul. The Hebrew says ELOHIM, and it's up to the interpreter to translate that into the appropriate word: God, god, Gods (in 3 parts), or gods. Keep in mind that Baal is also called elohim in Hebrew, so one word can have many definitions.

There are so many good points in this story. I really like where the Bible says that, "*Saul's servant,*" is the one who mentions how he can be set free through anointed music. Every time I read this passage, I wonder how the servant knew this information. He wasn't an anointed priest, teacher, scribe, or temple servant, but just a regular servant. Even better, it's one of the unnamed servants who speaks up and names *David* as anointed player. **It leads me to believe that this servant had seen or heard of David's playing driving out evil spirits, so he was able to speak with confidence to the king.** Don't forget that one doesn't simply run their mouth to the king, as there could be dire consequences to unfounded claims! Thankfully, music does carry a deliverance anointing again and again. The Bible says, "*whenever the spirit was upon Saul,*" not just in that one instance, the spirit would depart. That means for us, there is no limit on the number of times we can be delivered through anointed music. **Now do we need a demon to be delivered? No!** We need delivered from stress, bad doctors' reports, horrible people, gossip, difficult situations at work, and so on and on...

Keeping the spiritual influence of David's playing in mind, think about how there is music that's all around us today. There is music in commercials, movies, TV shows, stores, elevators, even some doctor's offices. Commercials hope to have a catchy jingle that sticks in your head (soul, a.k.a. mind). Movies and TV use music to help put you in a certain mood so that you're more engaged in what you're watching. If you have ever watched raw footage of films, it's quite boring without the music. Even doctor's offices and elevators used to have calming music because often, people get nervous in those situations. I don't point this out for you to be afraid, but to be aware of what we're subconsciously letting others pound into our souls. If anointed music can bring deliverance from a demon in The Old Testament, then what does ungodly music have the ability to accomplish in us as a New Testament believer?

Through anointed music, the hand of the Lord can come upon those who are looking for Him. We have an account of this happening in **2 Kings 3:15** with Elisha. Moab rebelled against Israel after Ahab died. The kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom with their armies marched for 7 days in order to face the king of Moab. They weren't able to find water, so they became afraid, thinking that the Lord brought them together to be taken over by Moab. Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, began to ask about a prophet that could inquire of the Lord. My favorite part is in verse 11 where one of the servants of the king of Israel told them where they could find a prophet. They called Elisha, and he responded to them, but only after a snarky remark,

15 But now bring me a musician.

Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. 16 And he said, "Thus says the Lord:

When the anointed music plays, the hand of the Lord will come upon you. This doesn't necessarily mean that you will prophesy, but whatever gift God has given you can flow out. The Hand of the Lord only came upon **Elisha because he was the only one with The Holy Spirit's anointing, but now we all have The Holy Spirit inside us.** Elisha was the only looking for the power of God, and he knew how to respond to it. That is the reason why you see some Christians on their knees in anointed music and others have that look on their face like, "*We sang the bridge three times already. Hurry up or I'm gonna check my messages.*" That's why the Bible teaches us in the New Testament that we are all the same body of Christ, and that **no one is more important than another because whomever is playing the music is just as important as the one pouring out the gift.** If there was no musician, no prophecy. Now we're all pouring something out, and all capable of responding.

Hopefully now you're really excited about anointed music. You might be wondering at this point how to tell the difference between anointed and unanointed music. As John 16:13 says, the Holy Spirit will guide you into all the truth. I cannot teach you, but only point you to the way. Start with an anointed song. I think a good choice is **Raise a Hallelujah** by Jonathan and Melissa Helser. **The story behind the song is really good.** I don't know anything about their church or what they believe, but I do know the song. Listen to the original version, and then ask the Holy Spirit to teach you. Listen to the same song being sung by different bands. You may feel like you're more into the song by one band, but not so much another. That's it! That's your anointing detector, which is the Holy Spirit, and your spirit working together. **The more you ask the Holy Spirit and focus on finding anointing, the easier it gets.** You'll soon find that there are times when you sing a song like *Way Maker*, and it makes you want to get down on your knees and worship. Then, there will be other times you sing *Way Maker* and think that you might as well be singing *Oh Christmas Tree*. That's the difference between anointed music and non-anointed music.



Don't forget that it might just be your flesh! There are times when I feel like the band or singer isn't anointed, but really, it's just my flesh that's agitated.

(Share music agitations or use mine)

"We war-shep you. How-lay-luu-yah." Even worse, "**Come Law-red Jer-eee-ses come.**" It's popular with some singers lately to mispronounce words on purpose. One time, I thought a singer was born in another country, but turns out she speaks perfect English when not singing. Raging flesh agitation!!!!

Also, remember that we're not judging and listening for skill level, but anointing, the blessing of God on their music. It's a gift plus the person's heart right before the Lord. You may want to dismiss a garage band, but they might be heavily anointed by the Holy Spirit. Remember, the disciples were called, "*unlearned men.*" This isn't The Holy Spirit's Got Talent Show.

Those of you that play an instrument, if you're wondering how you can play anointed music... I can't tell you, but only point you in the direction to The Holy Spirit to get you started. Treat the Holy Spirit like a dance partner. You're going to do this together, but let Him lead. I am not anointed or gifted to play music; however, I am anointed to sing, but not on stage!! Guess what? **We're all anointed to sing off stage!** Start out with your

instrument, ask The Holy Spirit to join you, and play by faith. Expect at least a few additional notes to be there at the end of a chorus. That's you working with the Holy Spirit. Eventually, entire songs will emerge when you learn how to play music with Him. For example, Amazing Grace. **That was not written by a human, but The Holy Spirit through a man that people have been blessed by and singing for over 250 years.** The effect of anointed music is so great that we can't glorify humans for writing.

(Just read the song title and year)

Here's a list of songs from The Holy Spirit through men that stood the test of time:

Amazing Grace – John Newton, England (1779)

How Great Thou Art – Carl Gustav Boberg, Sweden (1885)

Holy, Holy, Holy – Reginald Heiber, England (1826)

It is Well – Horatio Spafford, written in the Atlantic Ocean (1873)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – Thomas Chisholm, Kansas, USA (1923)

Blessed Assurance – Fanny Crosby, New York City, USA (1873)

To God Be The Glory – Fanny Crosby, New York City, USA (1872)

Jesus Paid it All – Elvina Hall, Maryland, USA (1865)

At the Cross – Isaac Watts, England (1707)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – Joseph M. Scriven (words in 1855) and Charles Converse (music in 1868), Ireland

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus – Helen Lemmel, England (1922)

There are a lot of modern spins on these songs, because they are filled with anointing, God's power to bless. Always remember, those that want to exalt the Lord and not themselves are the ones that can work with The Holy Spirit better.

If you don't play an instrument, or humming the song first works better for you, then start with that. The song is already prepared for you by the Holy Spirit. Just remember that before you start, the Holy Spirit is excited to communicate with you, and to play your instrument with you or sing with you. After you get a couple of notes or words to a song, keep playing them and keep expecting more. If you're struggling with hearing the notes, sit under some anointed music by anointed musicians, and then work from their flow of music. The more you play or sing and invite the Holy Spirit to play with you, the longer the song will become, and the stronger and stronger the anointing will become.

Thank you for going through this study with me. I hope you're more excited about praise and worship, music, and the anointing. **Ask the Holy Spirit to pick up where we left off, and He will take you on an amazing journey in praise and worship to the Lord.** This is the end of our study, but this is NOT the end for you and The Holy Spirit. This is just the beginning and an invitation from the Holy Spirit to sing, dance, and play instruments with Him. If you don't play an instrument, you have hands to tap out a joyful noise to The Lord.

Homework:

- Spend time with The Holy Spirit and anointed music, sing what's in your spirit (not your heart, it will sing about saving gas money and snacks for tv time), even if it's one word or simple phrase...

Psalm 40:3_{NKJV}

He has put a new song in my mouth— Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

- Read over the handout, especially the quotes from musicians

- Be ready to answer the question, *"Is it ok to listen to secular music?"* I said at the beginning, "You will have an absolutely solid Biblical answer with understanding." I want to hear YOUR answer.

Prayer Points:

- We love You, Lord, and ask that You continue to teach us about true praise and worship
 - Teach us how to properly worship You in spirit and truth, at home and corporately as a church
 - You had David write about a new song in our mouth, teach us to access that new song in every season of life that will bless us and bless others
 - Teach us how to have a humble heart that we may receive more grace to have a better understanding of You and Your Word
 - Holy Spirit, we invite you to worship with us to lead us and guide us on an amazing journey to The Father and Throne Room of Grace
 - Help us receive all that God has planned for us and promised us
 - Please keep this teaching at the forefront of our mind so that we can act on it, and have a greater expectation of blessing in our lives
 - Father, bless us with all the blessing from Uzziel through Mahazioth the next time we enter into worship.
 - Thank You for these revelations, and for the next study that You have planned for us
- In Jesus' Name, Amen!