

THE SONG WE LIVE BY

Often poets will describe life as a song. Matt Redman has written a worship song titled "10,000 Reasons." The first verse says this:

The sun comes up, its a new day dawning.
Its time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

What is your song? What is the song you live by?

The world has a lot of songs to offer. There is the seductive melody of materialism. There is the exciting anthem of applause and fame. There is the blood-stirring drumbeat of conflict, competition and war. There is the haunting strain of evil and immorality, and hidden secrets. But those songs have no hope in them. Their promises are empty and those who sing them end up singing the blues.

What is the song that the people of God have always sung? We can hear a stanza of it after the Lord saved Israel from the Egyptians when Moses and the people sang:

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and the rider he has thrown into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation" (Exod 15:1-2)

When Isaiah looked down the long corridor of time and saw the Messiah coming he said,

1 And in that day you will say:
"O Lord, I will praise You;
Though You were angry with me,
Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.

2 Behold, God is my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
'For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song;
He also has become my salvation.' "

3 Therefore with joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day you will say:
"Praise the Lord, call upon His name;
Declare His deeds among the peoples,
Make mention that His name is exalted.

5 Sing to the Lord,
For He has done excellent things;
This is known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,
For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

What is our song today? Certainly one expression of it comes from John's vision of the Lamb, standing as if slain, and he reports in Revelation 5:9, "they sang a new song, saying,

"You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth."

Then in verse 13 he hears "every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them ... saying"

"Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

The message that the choir brought today is that same song, Pastor Jack Hayford wrote the beautiful chorus:

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
....
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all Kings."

The Lord's Supper reminds us that the song of our life is one of praise for the Lamb who redeemed us by His blood. The song of our life is one of humility, as we bow down before the throne proclaiming His worthiness and our unworthiness. The song of our life is one of fellowship as we join with people of every tribe and tongue and nation in honoring Jesus for His sacrifice. It is a song of His victory over sin, death, and hell that we celebrate. The song of our life is a song of majesty, not only the Majesty of Jesus, but ours as well because He has "made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

The song of our life is a song we sing because we are rescued from death, restored to the inheritance of sons and daughters, qualified for victory in battle against the Adversary, and destined for the Throne forever in His presence!

If you have not yet learned to sing that song, we invite you today to come to Jesus. He is the King of all kings. He sits in Majesty at the right hand of God the Father, from where He will come again to rule over earth and heaven forever.

But He is also the Lamb who sacrificed Himself for you. His body was broken and His blood was poured out so that your sins could be forgiven. Today we invite you repentance, to turn away from the old song of your life—the song of selfishness, sin, failure, and rebellion against God. We invite you to faith, to trust in Jesus to save you from sin and give you a new song for your life—a song of forgiveness, peace, and hope.

What is the song you live by?