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Tom & Debbie

### SING UNTO THE LORD A **NEW SONG!**

(or an old one... but do sing!) **7** s we watch the World spiral downward, seemingly out of control, but never out of God's complete control, we might be tempted to fear the future; if we don't understand what God has told us in His Word, we would have every right, and reason, to fear... but He is in absolute control over all things, in all places, at all

times, including all people.

We know, from Daniel and from the Revelation, that a terrible time of seven years is on the horizon, inexorably coming soon but we also know, extensively, from Paul and John that God has promised to remove His Bride, the True Church, before that seven year period, called The Tribulation. Jesus said, 'Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.' John 14:1

Because we know that God is in control and that He loves and cares for us, we can face the future with confidence, with joy and with singing in our hearts.

Some of us enjoy singing while others resist singing, thinking that their voices are not something anyone ever wants to hear... but they are wrong!

At our home, we have a fairly large yard; some of it has sparse grass with a lot of moss and dandelions but the bottom area has really thick, rich, heavy grass as the





He has committed to us the word of Reconciliation. Therefore, we are Ambassadors for Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:19,20

result of allowing the golf course we border to dump their grass plugs on our property for the past several years. Those plugs have grown into incredibly thick grass which grows so fast that I must mow it at least twice a week and even then, I'm barely keeping up.

Mowing the grass is not my favorite chore but it has to be done; if I let it get away from me... the lawnmower won't even go through it!

I don't enjoy mindless, monotonous work like mowing grass or raking leaves but I find that, in the midst of such work, my mind is free to engage in more meaningful work such as praying, praising, worshipping and singing.

Now don't get me wrong... I'm not some super spiritual, holy type guy but... when my mind is in neutral, I just naturally shift into singing... it's what I do; it's how God wired me; from my earliest memories, I would put a record on the Magnavox T.V.-Stereo and sing along with Mitch Miller or the White Sisters, even 'Up With People and Mantovani. As I listened, I would try to think ahead as to where I thought the music should go... I did not realize it but I was actually, as a small child,

composing in my own way.

I've written many songs over the past 55 years, some of which are really quite good; I don't say that in pride, that's just the way it is.

I think we all sing to one degree or another; some of us think we are quite good and some of us think we are quite bad and, the truth is, some people really are incapable of following a tune but... that doesn't mean they can't sing. We can all sing; maybe our singing isn't appreciated by other people but there is one person to whom our singing is always beautiful, matchless and wonderful to hear.

Who, you ask, would like my singing... because I really can't sing at all. Yes you can! God loves your voice; He is always waiting to hear you sing but some of us refuse to sing for Him; some of us refuse to open our mouths and sing to Him. Imagine! Embarrassed to sing before the Lord!

Did you know that refusing to sing to Him is sin? That's right; it is sin! Tom... you're so dumb sometimes! How can my refusing to use what I consider to be my very unlistenable voice be anything but protecting

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God from hearing such noise?

Well... let me ask it this way: is it sin to lie? Of course it is; God said so. Is it sin to refuse to honor our parents? Yes, God said so.

Is it sin to refuse to sing? Let's explore that question:

Here is a command from God's Word: 'O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. <sup>4</sup> For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.' Psa 96:1 That is a command to every one of us; it doesn't excuse those who think they can't sing.

Here is another: 'Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.' Psa 147:1

Comely! Did you know that singing praise unto the Lord makes you to be more handsome or beautiful?

God referred to David as 'a man after my own heart.' 'And when he (God) had removed him (Saul), he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall

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fulfil all my will.' Acts 13:22

After David had sinned grievously, he prayed, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore unto me the joy of him with psalms. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a thy salvation; and uphold me with thy great God, and a great King above free spirit.' Psa 51:10

One of the ways we can be like David, a man or woman after God's own heart, is to do what David did: he sought to draw near unto God through unashamedly singing unto Him, lifting his voice in praise and worship, unembarressed. In fact, David was so unashamed in his praise and worship unto God that his first wife, Michal, daughter of Saul, was embarrassed and ashamed of David as he was dancing and praising God before the Ark of the Covenant being brought into Jerusalem: 'And David danced before the LORD with all his might... And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.' 2 Sam 6 David, and other psalmists, wrote

extensively of their determination to

'sing unto the Lord.'

'O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup>Let us come before his presence with thanksqiving, and make a joyful noise unto all gods.' Psa 95:1

'O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. <sup>2</sup> Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. <sup>3</sup> I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will angels; we will sing for joy, we will sing praises unto thee among the nations. 4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. ⁵ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;' Psa 108:1

'But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. 17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.' Psa 59:16 sing and praise Him even now.

Also, did you know that God, Himself sings; He rejoices and sings over you, His beloved child: 'The Lord thy

God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.' Zeph 3:17

How can we not join Him, singing with Him as He sings and rejoices over us!

Some day, soon, we will all have voices that we can only dream of today. We will all have voices far better than the best singers in the World, today. We will sing with sing in praise and worship, we will sing of the glory and majesty of our Holy and Righteous God Who loved us while we were yet sinners and Who gave Himself up for us, dying on the Cross and taking all our sin upon Himself so that we could be saved unto Eternal Life to be with Him forever and ever.

God loves you and sings for joy over you; you are His precious possession; let that cause joy and praise to bubble up within your heart as you

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