

## Transcript – Psalms as a Form of Worship

### *Songs as a Form of Worship*

Chag sameach! Praise Yahweh we are here in the wilderness for the Sukkot of Yahweh. Our message today is *Songs as a Form of Worship ... Songs as a Form of Worship*.

We understand that Yahweh is delighted with songs of praise to Him. And actually, He really would like His people to worship Him in truth and in spirit. And because of whatever has happened nowadays in the world, where everything is corrupted with Satan and all the new age worship and all that, really when it comes to songs that there's a tendency to have believers borrowing the way of worship of the world, which the Father does not want us to have.

So, as we are going through this message, we are going to understand that, actually, songs of praises to our heavenly Father is delightful and He really appreciates it, but it has to be done in judicial order. So, everything has a judicial order, and true worship is a mindset. It is a reality and a way of life. So, **the key to have true worship is have the fear of Yahweh**. So, that's the basis. And we are going to start in the book of John chapter 4, verse 20 ... John chapter 4, verse 20 to 24. And it says:

**John 4:20-22** *Our fathers have bowed down and worshiped in this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship ... That's Yahshua talking with the Samaritan woman. Verse 21 ... Yahshua said to her, Woman, believe [Me], that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for life is of the Jews.*

**John 4:23-24** *But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such, the ones worshipping Him. Elohim is spirit, and the ones worshipping Him must worship in spirit and in truth.*

So, we have two aspects when it comes to true worship to Yahweh, where we have ... Because He is a spirit. So, we have to worship Him in spirit and in truth. So, **the ones worshipping in spirit means one must have repented of their sins and be baptized into Yahweh's family and has hands laid on by an ordained elder of Yahweh to receive the Holy Spirit, the Ruach ha' Kodesh**. And in that way the believer will be able then to worship Yahweh in spirit.

**In truth means according to the Word of Yahweh, the instructions given in the Scriptures.** John 17:17 ... You need not to go there ... Yahshua says:

**John 17:17** *Sanctify them in Your Truth; Your Word is the Truth.*

So actually, whenever we're worshipping our heavenly Father, we need to do it according to the Scriptures because that is the basis of the worship. Therefore, songs of praise to Yahweh are a form of worship to Him. However, in the world, just like any other pagan practice, songs, tunes, beats, dancing moves taken from secular music and baptized or changed to be Christian and directed towards our heavenly Father, this is totally unacceptable to Him. The book of Deuteronomy chapter 12 ... Deuteronomy chapter 12, verse 28 to 32 ... Deuteronomy chapter 12, verse 28 to 32 says:

**Deuteronomy 12:28-30** *Take heed to listen to these Words which I am commanding you, in order that it may be well with you and with your sons after you forever, when you do that which is good and right in the eyes of*

*YAHWEH your Elohim. When YAHWEH your Elohim shall cut off the nations from before you, where you are going in to possess them, and you shall possess them, and shall live in their land, take heed to yourselves that you not be snared to follow [them] after they have been destroyed before you; and that you not inquire after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their Elohim? And I shall do so, even I.*

**Deuteronomy 12:31-32** *You shall not do so to YAHWEH your Elohim; for everything hateful to YAHWEH, which He detests, they have done to their gods. For they have even burned their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. All the things that I command you, take heed to do them and you shall not add to it, nor take away from it.*

So, it's a very clear command that Yahweh will not entertain any form of practice that is taken from paganism that is just borrowed or something like since we were worshipping maybe gods and other deities. When somebody comes to the truth of Yahweh, they have to totally leave the baggage behind them and focus on the true worship of Yahweh. Just like practices like Christmas and Easter and all the other practices that people do in the world, the songs of praise shouldn't also come from the world, the secular music that is out there, and then simply changed to be directed to our heavenly Father.

So, we want to do that which is good and right in the eyes of Yahweh our Elohim. There is purpose then for songs because, fine it's a form of worship, but from the Scriptures we are going to see that there are two purposes to it. Sometimes even where I come from, it's common, sometimes we hear, "Oh, we are using this music to reach out, to preach or to pass the message of the Good News." The book of Ephesians chapter 5, verse 19 to 20 gives us a clear purpose to music, to songs, what is the purpose of it. So, Ephesians chapter 5, verse 19 and 20 says:

**Ephesians 5:19-20** *speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and praising in your heart to YAHWEH, giving thanks at all times for all things to YAHWEH the Father in the name of our Master Yahshua Messiah.*

So, from here you can see that it says *speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs*. So, **the first purpose or the first use of songs is to speak to each other, to exhort each other, to encourage each other; and the other is praising.** *Singing and praising in your hearts to Yahweh, giving thanks at all times for all things to Yahweh the Father in the name of our Master Yahshua Messiah.* So, **the second purpose, therefore, is to give praise and thanks to Yahweh in the name of our Master Yahweh Messiah.** So, it's clear that the purpose of songs is two-fold, to speak to each other and to praise Yahweh.

We also see that in the book of Colossians chapter 3, verse 16 ... Colossians ... Colossians chapter 3, verse 16 and 17. It says:

**Colossians 3:16-17** *Let the Word of Messiah dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and exhorting yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to Elohim. And everything, whatever you do in word or in work, do all things in the name of our Master Yahshua, giving thanks to YAHWEH the Father through Him.*

So, *teaching and exhorting yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to Elohim.* So, when we are singing praises to Yahweh, we don't focus on ourselves. We focus on worshipping Yahweh because of the mighty Creator He is. And He's Almighty; He is all powerful; He is magnificent; and He's living forever and ever and has eternal life. And in that way, it puts us into proper perspective to humble ourselves before Him and to put ourselves where we are supposed to be. We are down here; He is up there. And so, therefore, when worshipping Him, when singing praises to Him, we shouldn't focus on ourselves.

And there's a problem nowadays, because of the advancement in technology, that you have maybe somebody who has a gift of composing songs. Then they compose the songs and then they want to have videos and therefore they produce the videos and they begin to sell to get money. And they say, "But maybe I'm selling so that I can get the money that I use to produce." But there's, again, there's judicial order; and just like if a preacher does a message and then they sell the Word, these ones, their situation depends on this at given times. But clear instruction from Yahshua, *freely you received, freely you give*. So, it's the same thing to songs.

So, you have a proper perspective that songs are for encouragement, for exhorting each other. And when they are produced as a congregation, then they can be handed out to brethren so that they can be encouraged by the songs and can be used to praise our heavenly Father. So, *freely you received, freely give*.

So, huge lack of judicial order. Everybody wants to do their own and produce songs to sell and give themselves praise for composing songs which goes against the intent. And that will not be good and appreciated in the eyes of our heavenly Father.

So, we actually find in Scriptures that songs are not to be used to preach or witness the Word to the world. Because Yahweh ordains preaching as a means to get the Good News to people outside there. The book of Romans ... the book of Romans ... Romans chapter 10, verse 13 to 17 ... Romans chapter 10, verse 13 to 17. It says:

**Romans 10:13-17** *For everyone, "whoever may call on the name of YAHWEH will be saved." How then may they call on One into whom they have not believed? And how many they believe One of whom they have not heard? And how may they hear without a preacher? And how may they preach if they are not sent? Even as it has been written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, of those preaching good things." But not all obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, "YAHWEH, who has believed our report?" Then faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Elohim.*

So, it's clear that a preacher has to go out, and the preacher is sent to preach the Good News. And that is the way that Yahweh ordained the Good News to reach the entire creation for witness, and those who have eyes to see and ears to hear can be able to come to salvation. But not using songs that, when you produce many songs and we have them out there, then that's the purpose of preaching the Good News.

So, praise Yahweh for the songs that we have in the Bible. And even in the book of Psalms, all those psalms actually gives us the different situations that David was and was able to praise Yahweh and to sing praises. And we can be able to understand his mind and his soul in that time when he needed Yahweh the most, when he was also happy, when he was in different conditions and situations. Then we also need to internalize that so that even when we read the book of Psalms, we are able to praise Yahweh. We can compose songs from there, which is awesome, and that really is pleasing to our heavenly Father.

We see the Israelites ... the book of Exodus chapter 15 ... when after Yahweh parted the Red Sea and they were saved from the Egyptians, then there was a song of praise. Exodus chapter 15, verse 1 to 6, I'm going to read.

**Exodus 15:1-6** *Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to YAHWEH, and spoke, saying, I will sing to YAHWEH, for He is highly exalted. He has thrown the horse and its rider into the sea. My strength and song is Yah, and He was to me salvation; this is my Eli and I will glorify Him; the Elohe of my father, and I will exalt Him. YAHWEH is a Man of war; YAHWEH is His name. He has cast Pharaoh's chariots and his army in the sea; and the choice ones of his officers are drowned in the Sea of Reeds, the depths cover them; they have dropped into the*

*depths like a stone. Your right hand, O YAHWEH, is glorious in power; O YAHWEH, Your right hand dashes the enemy to pieces.*

**Comment:** So, in whatever circumstances, even the Apostle Paul said in whatever circumstances, rejoice and give praise to Yahweh always, for that is the will of Yahweh in our Master Yahshua Messiah. So, we can see that the Israelites, after the miracle that Yahweh did, they were able to sing praise to Yahweh and exalt His name. Drop down to verse 20 and 21. Verse 20 says:

**Exodus 15:20-21** *And the sister of Aaron, Miriam the prophetess, took the timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered to them, Sing to YAHWEH, for triumphing, He has triumphed gloriously; He has thrown the horse and its rider into the sea.*

So, praise Yahweh for that. And in verse 6 we see that *the right hand of Yahweh is glorious in power*. And that is Yahshua Yahweh. The right hand of Yahweh there is Yahshua. And Yahshua, being also Elohim, is honored and praised as Yahweh the Father. Because maybe sometimes you may have heard that, "Oh, if we are singing praises to Yahweh, it's only Yahweh the Father." But actually, Yahshua being one with the Father and, of course, being Elohim also deserves the honor and praise as our Father Yahweh. And Yahshua did say that. In the book of John chapter 5 ... John chapter 5, verse 19 to 23 ... John chapter 5, verse 19 to 23.

**John 5:19-23** *Then Yahshua answered and said to them, Truly, truly I say to you that the Son is not able to do anything by His desire, but what He sees that the Father does. For these things that the Father does, the Son also likewise does. For the Father loves the Son and shows to Him all things which He does. And He will show Him greater works than these in order that you may marvel. For even as the Father raises the dead, and gives life, so also the Son gives life to whomever He wills. For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. The one not honoring the Son does not honor the Father who has sent Him.*

So, if Yahshua's not also Elohim, then this statement that Yahshua made, *so that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father*, would have been idolatrous. And we understand that Yahshua and Yahweh was there at the beginning, and everything that was created was created even in Yahshua.

So, we can sing psalms and also compose songs from the book of Psalms. So, really, the entire book of Psalms gives us words of praises that we can always sing to Yahweh. So, we're going to read in the book of Psalms chapter 98 ... Psalms 98 ... Psalms 98, verse 1 all the way to 9.

**Psalms 98:1-4** *A Psalm. O sing to YAHWEH a new song, for He has done wondrous things; His right hand and His holy arm has saved for Him ... That is Yahshua ... YAHWEH has revealed his Y'shua to the eyes of the nations; He unveiled His righteousness. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen (Aleph/Tav) Y'shua from our Elohim. Shout joyfully to YAHWEH, all the earth; break out and rejoice and sing praise.*

**Psalms 98:5-9** *Sing praise to YAHWEH with lyre; with the lyre and the voice of a song. With trumpets and the sound of a horn, shout joyfully before YAHWEH the King. Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands; let the heights shout for joy together, before YAHWEH; for He comes to judge the earth; with righteousness He shall judge the world, and the people in uprightness.*

So, let the entire creation praise Yahweh. And His people, the redeemed, let them praise Yahweh in song and praise. Because the praises to Yahweh is becoming, and it is delightful before Him.

The book of Isaiah chapter 38 ... Isaiah chapter 38, verse 18 and 20. That is after Hezekiah was healed from his sickness. He says, verse 18:

**Isaiah 38:18-20** *For Sheol cannot thank Him; death cannot praise You; the one going down to the pit cannot hope for Your truth. The living, the living is the one thanking You, as I do today. The father makes known Your truth to his sons. For YAHWEH will save me; and we will play our songs on stringed instruments all the days of our life, at the house of YAHWEH.*

So, the living praise Yahweh. We understand about the state of the dead. But as we are alive, let's praise Him all the days of our life, at the house of Yahweh.

So, generally we see that, as I mentioned before, that sometimes we may have words from the Scriptures, and then if they are put together with beats and dances and sounds from the world, then it is not pleasing to our heavenly Father. Just like in the book of Haggai 2, verse 12 and 13, talking about *if the clean touches the unclean, will it make the unclean to become clean? No. But the unclean will make the clean to become unclean.*

So, are we influencing them, or are they influencing us? Because if they influence us, then we will not be having proper praises to Yahweh. If we bring whatever that is world, the satanic beats, the pop music, and the rap, and all of that with the words of Scripture, it will not be pleasing at all to our heavenly Father.

Psalms 145 ... Psalms 145, verse 1 to 3 ... Psalms 145, verse 1 to 3. And it says:

**Psalms 145:1-3** *A Psalm of Praise, of David. I will exalt You, my Elohim, O King; and bless Your name forever and ever. I will bless You every day; I will praise Your name forever and ever. YAHWEH is great and to be greatly praised; and to His greatness there is no finding out.*

So, as long as we have the breath every day of our life, let's praise Yahweh. Let's bless Him every day. Let's praise Him because He's great and He's highly praised. Psalms 146, verse 1 and 2.

**Psalms 146:1-2** *HalleluYah; praise (Aleph/Tav) YAHWEH, O my soul. While I live I will praise YAHWEH; I will sing praises to my Elohim while I have being.*

So, really, as long as we have being, He has given us His grace, let us praise Him in song. Let us praise Him because of His wonderful work that He is doing in our lives and declare the salvation that He's given us through His Son Yahshua. We praise Him for everything. So, I'm going to end in the book of Psalms 150 ... Psalms 150.

**Psalms 150:1-6** *HalleluYah! Praise El in His holy place; praise Him in the expanse of His might. Praise Him in His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; and praise Him with strings and pipes. Praise Him on the sounding cymbals; praise Him with the resounding cymbals. Let everything that breathes praise Yah. HalleluYah!*

So, really, this gives us the congregational worship and praises that we can use these instruments to praise Yahweh, and that is delightful and it's becoming before Him. So, let's as the bride of Messiah preparing for the wedding supper of the Lamb, let us praise Abba Yahweh always. Let's have our mouths and our hearts filled with praise throughout, as long as His breath is in our nostrils and we are breathing, let's praise Him. HalleluYah! Yahweh bless. Chag sameach.