

Away with your hymns of praise—they are mere noise to my ears. I will not listen to your music, no matter how lovely it is. **Amos 5:23** (LB)

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4 "Hit Song" Essentials from Colossians 3:16

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But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way. John 4:23 (NLT)

So here's what I've concluded. I will pray in the Spirit, but I will also pray with my mind engaged. I will sing rapturous praises in the Spirit, but I will also sing with my mind engaged. 1 Corinthians 14:15 (TPT)

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... as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom... v. 16b

Speak to each other with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Ephesians 5:16a (NiRV)

Your worship services do you more harm than good. I am certainly not going to praise you for this. ¹⁸ I am told that you can't get along with each other when you worship... 1 Corinthians 11:17 (NIV)

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as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts... v. 16c

With all my heart I will praise You, O Lord my God. I will give glory to Your name forever... Psalms 86:12 (NLT)

These people honor me with their words, but their heart is really far away from me. ⁹It is no use for them to worship me... **Matthew 19:8-9** (LB)

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sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. v. 16d

A song of praise by David. I will highly praise you, my God, the king. I will bless your name forever and ever. ²I will bless you every day. I will praise your name forever and ever. ³The LORD is great, and he should be highly praised. His greatness is unsearchable. **Psalms 145:1-3** (GNB)

Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, "Holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty--the One who always was, who is, and who is still to come." **Revelation 4:8** (NLT)

WHY DOES GOD COMMAND ME TO SING TO HIM?

Stop storing up treasures for yourselves on earth.... ²⁰ Instead, store up treasures for yourselves in heaven.... ²¹ Your heart will be where your treasure is. ²²The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is unclouded, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If the light in you is darkness, how dark it will be! ²⁴ No one can serve two masters. He will hate the first master and love the second, or he will be devoted to the first and despise the second. You cannot serve God and wealth. Matthew 7:19-24 (NLT)

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This is what the LORD says: "What did your ancestors find wrong with Me that led them to stray so far from Me? They worshiped worthless idols, only to become worthless themselves." **Jeremiah 2:5** (NLT)