

Singing as a ministry of the word

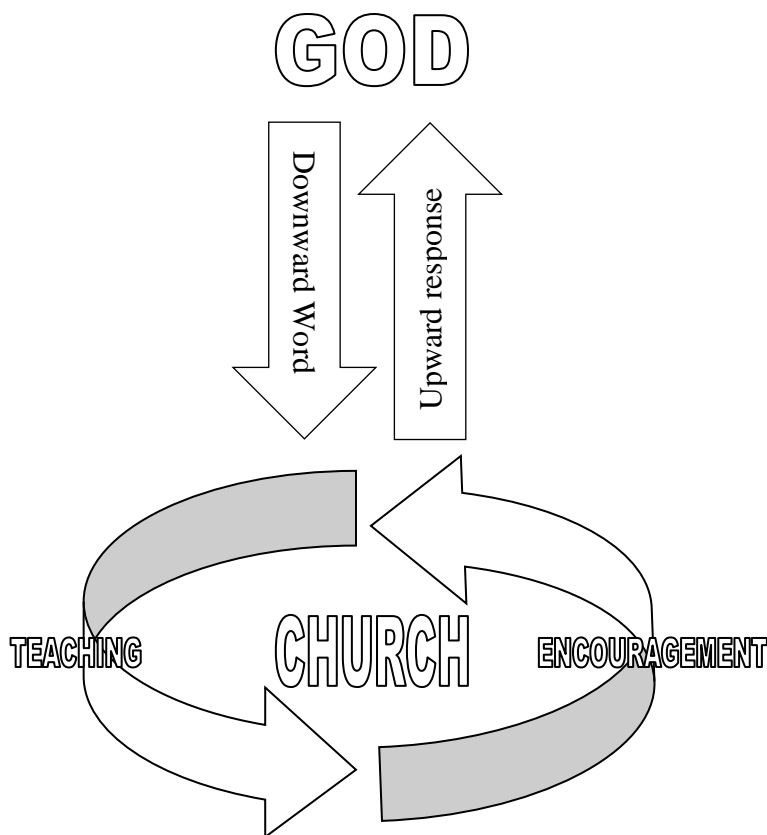
1) Why do we sing?

- a) Psalm 92:1-4: It's good to sing!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
²to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
³to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
⁴For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy. ESVUK

- b) Colossians 3:15-17: We're told to sing!

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ESVUK



2) Where things go wobbly:

Getting things upside down.

a) **The Presence of God** – Ephesians 2:4–7—where is Jesus, where are Christians?

- i) When are Christians in the presence of God?
- ii) What are some of the dangers of seeking the presence of God in a church meeting?
- iii) Help the Christian who feels as if she's far away from God.

b) **The Holy Spirit** – Ephesians 1:13-14 – Where is the Holy Spirit?

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:16 (NIV)

Just being here with You is oh so precious
It's a feeling I will never forget
And now I feel Your Spirit moving within me,
Lord, I thank You for this moment we share, yeah.
Ooh, it starts in my heart now,
Then it flows through my body,
Ooh, this feeling inside me, I know that it's You,
I just can't hide it, got to let it show now, yeah, yeah.

Jumping up and down, woa,
Dancing with Jesus, and I'm spinning round and round, woa,
Dancing with Jesus now.
I clap my hands to show, woa,
I love You Jesus, and I raise my arms to show, woa,
I love You Jesus now.

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- i) When does the Holy Spirit dwell in Christians?
- ii) What are the dangers of thinking that the Holy Spirit comes down when the band plays?
- iii) What might you say to the person who says, 'I don't feel the Holy Spirit is at work at Stanmore Chapel.?'?
- iv) Help the person who says, 'I go to Stanmore Chapel for the Bible teaching, and to King's Fellowship Church for the music'.

Serving as a church musician

1) **Be served:** In view of God's mercy...

2) **...serve God**

3) **...serve believers**

a) Serve the congregation

b) Serve those in overall authority

c) Serve other musicians

4) **...serve non-believers**

And now for the nitty gritty

1) Clarity

2) Confidence

1 **You're the Word of God the Father**

from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!
*You're the Author of creation,
you're the Lord of every man
and your cry of love
rings out across the lands.*

2 Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you stilled the sea,
yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free.
*You're the Author of creation,
you're the Lord of every man
and your cry of love
rings out across the lands.*

3 With a shout you rose victorious
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.
*You're the Author of creation,
you're the Lord of every man
and your cry of love
rings out across the lands.*

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Though the nations rage,
kingdoms rise and fall,
there is still one King
reigning over all,
so I will not fear for this truth remains:
that my God is the Ancient of Days.
*None above him, none before him,
all of time in his hands,
for his throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory;
I will trust in his name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.*

Though the dread of night
overwhelms my soul
he is here with me,
I am not alone.
O his love is sure and he knows my name
for my God is the Ancient of Days.
*None above him, none before him,
all of time in his hands,
for his throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power, all the glory;
I will trust in his name,
for my God is the Ancient of Days.*

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3) Foldback

4) Feedback

Further reading:

Worship: Adoration and Action – Carson
Engaging with God – Peterson
Worship in the Spirit – Steven
Worship in Spirit and Truth – Frame
Created for Worship – Due
True Worship – Roberts
Revolutionary Worship – Taylor

