



## ‘Sing a new song’

Title: Part 1 (Why sing? Why new?)  
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Singing worship and praise to God is something the Bible calls us to do (even Jesus does it in Mark 14:26). But the Bible also calls us to ‘sing a new song’.

### Why sing? (why does the Bible call us to sing?)

#### **some reasons:-**

***To join heaven in declaring God is God*** (Isa 6, Rev 4:8)

***To root God’s truths in us*** (Col 3:16)

***To build each other up*** (Eph 5:19)

***To connect our head and heart*** – God created songs/music to unlock something in us

Why do you personally sing to God?

### Why a ‘new’ song?

#### **‘To stop us getting stuck’**

We all have preferences when it comes to music/songs. The danger when it comes to worship is that we can find ourselves thinking that our preferences are the true definition of ‘true worship’ - any other forms of worship are therefore lesser or wrong and need to be resisted and criticised. Basically, we get stuck with a narrow view of worship.

Are there any ‘styles’ of worship that you would say were less or more ‘holy’ – if so, why? Where might God say you are a little stuck when it comes to singing worship and praise?

### Why a ‘new’ song? (cont’d)

#### **To remind us there is more (of God)**

The Biblical call for ‘new songs’ is not a criticism of ‘old songs’ – but a call to ensure our worship is fresh, alive and real. We definitely need to thank God for what He has done in the past, but He is also a living God who continues to reveal new mercies – and these need new songs.

What new truths and promises of God have you encountered recently? What songs can you sing to express what God has been revealing to you?



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