

## Answering Some Why's...

### Why Do We Stand To Sing?

"Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with very loud voice." (II Chronicles 20:19)

"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." (Revelations 7:9-10)

### Why Do We Clap Our Hands?

"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy." (Psalm 47:1)

### Why Do We Lift Our Hands?

"I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands." (Psalm 63:4)

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the LORD." (Psalm 134:2)

"I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing." (I Timothy 2:8)

### Why Do We Have Audible Praise Unto God?

"Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my

inmost being, praise his holy name." (Psalm 103:1)

"After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God...' Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: 'Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.'" (Revelation 19:1,6)

"So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind." (1 Corinthians 14:15)

### Why Do We Pray In Tongues And In English?

"For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind." (I Corinthians 14:14-15)

### Why Do We Have This Type Of Worship?

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24)

"For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh." (Philippians 3:3)

### Why Do We Sing Choruses As Well As Hymns?

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord," (Ephesians 5:18-19)

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." (Colossians 3:16)

### What Is Prophecy?

"The lion has roared—who will not fear? The Sovereign LORD has spoken—who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:8)

"But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort." (I Corinthians 14:3)

### Why Do We Prophecy?

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy." (I Corinthians 14:1)

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common

good... to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues." (I Corinthians 12:7,10)

"But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort." (I Corinthians 14:3)

### Why are Musical Instruments A Part Of The Worship Service?

"Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals." (Psalm 150:3-5)

"And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps." (Revelations 14:2)

### Why Does The Whole Church Pray For Specific Needs?

"When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them." (Acts 4:24)

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