

The Music Of Heaven

“...the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever.

They lay their crowns before the throne and say: ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.’”

Revelation 4:10-11 NIV

I believe one of the truly incredible beauties of glory shall be the music, as God’s elect people joining with the angels in adoration and praise to our great Saviour.

There have been many remarkable hymn writers down through the ages who dedicated their music to the glory of God. Among some of the foremost were people such as Handel and Bach. These men created the most lofty of music for us to enjoy. There is something hauntingly beautiful about the work of Handel, especially his oratorio, *Messiah*. The words are simply Scripture put to the most grand and majestic of music.

I often urge someone who suffers to play these pieces—which have the highest praise to God anyone has ever composed or sung. Even King Saul in times of depression sent for the shepherd David to play for him. Indeed, are not the Psalms the most inspired collection of verse ever to be assembled? This is why we often turn to them in times of sorrow.

The Psalmist could lay his complaint before God in the clearest of language. How appealing this is as we witness the honesty of

the writer in confessing his grief and confusion of mind. In some Psalms, the writer goes back and forth between despair and praise just as we sometimes do in our experiences of life.

You cannot do better than reading one or two Psalms a day to strengthen your faith and realize others of a generation past have travelled the same road as you do presently. What comfort there is in knowing others have had similar doubts and suffering such as you experience.

Is this not one of the most beautiful aspects of our Lord’s character? He has suffered just as we do, except that He did not yield to it as the way we so often do in our times of depression. Hebrews 4:15-16 NIV

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

If you need a confidence builder today, look at the descriptions of our Lord’s suffering—especially in the four Gospels—and then approach Him in prayer, realizing that He understands completely our misery and can provide the needed help at just the right moment.

Go to Him today and pour out your heart. Do not hold back the tears. Jesus also wept in the presence of suffering and He is the same today as He was when walking among us. You shall be tenderly received, and patiently listened to, as you tell of your hurt and pain.

Come to Him and come now. He patiently waits to receive you and give you the needed grace. Do not keep Him waiting, child of God. Rather come to the One Who desires your company. He will not fail to accept you just as you are, and grant you the desires of your heart.

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