

WHY WORSHIP?

MUSICAL CONNECTIONS / INTRODUCTION

Focus Verse | Psalm 149:1

PRAISE THE LORD.

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG,

HIS PRAISE IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS.

Psalms, prayers, liturgical responses, hymns, songs- we sing a lot. Like a lot, a lot. I mean some of those hymns have never ending verses. Why do we sing so much? Singing God's praises is a wonderful opportunity to worship. Our hearts, changed by God himself, cannot help but break forth in song in light of God's mercy. Consider this: Simeon had been waiting for the consolation of Israel. He was waiting for peace, for comfort that the Messiah would bring. Simeon was not living the high life waiting and waiting and waiting. Oftentimes, we aren't living the high life either. Christianity often does not look like the world would make it out to be. But then again, faith is not an earthly thing. Simeon was not waiting for an earthly peace. He was waiting for peace that only the Lord can grant. And when Simeon had that peace, his heart broke out in song. His faith shone bright in his song. Simeon used song to offer his thanks and praise to God in this musical form of worship. We too offer our songs to God as a form of worship. Just as with any offering, your musical offering is not

measured by your ability or gumption- it is what's in your heart as you worship through song that matters to God. Give graciously to God as your heart sings the praises of the Almighty!

MUSICAL CONNECTIONS | A LOOK AHEAD

- Bible Story | Jesus Presented in the Temple
- Activity | Sing a New Song