

MY SOUL MY RESPONSIBILITY

We are in the second week of our study concerning worship and why we worship the way we do.

Psalm 137:1-3 – By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. **2 There on the willows we hung our harps, 3** for there our captors requested a song; our tormentors demanded songs of joy: “Sing us a song of Zion.” (NIV)

Where is your harp, your song right now?

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Isaiah 61:1-...for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, **and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.** (NIV)

It is our responsibility to put this garment of praise on... every moment of every day... Worship and praise is the tool in His tool box he has given in the hardest of times.

Psalm 103:1 – Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

2 Samuel 12:20 - Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped.

He put on the garment of praise. It was deliberate, he changed his clothes, washed his face, refreshed himself on purpose and went to church to worship.

Colossians 3:2 – Set your affections on things above not on the things of the earth.

Colossians 3:16 – Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another **in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.** (NKJV)

It's our soul our responsibility! Pick up our harp and give voice to our praise.

WORSHIP IS OUR WEAPON

Acts 16:25 - But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. (NKJV)

Acts 16:29 –... Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.” ²⁹Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” (NKJV)

THE WORLD NEEDS US TO WORSHIP

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The Church of Jesus Christ is the only restraining force on the earth, to stand against the tide of iniquity. The only agent Jesus said that the gates or the authority of Hell will never prevail against us.

1 Peter 2:9 – But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (NKJV)

Numbers 16:47 – ... Aaron the High priest took the censer and stood between the living and the dead the incense of worship stopped the plague that day.

2 Chronicles 20:21 – King Jehoshaphat was instructed to put the **praises in the front of the battle**... because the battle belonged to the Lord...

It's our soul our responsibility... even in all that we may face... to pick up our harp... That's why we worship the way we do!!