

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

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- Shows up in relationships (Eph 5:22-6:9; Col 3:18-4:5)

Singing & making melody - characteristic of God's church

- pattern of Jewish (OT church) believers
- According to God's Instruction (Word) not our own ideas
- Beware of strange or unauthorized fire: Leviticus 10
- Dangerous to write songs without Word just as it is to preach (Act 17:11)

Psalms – the Spirit inspired Song Book of the Bible

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- Reformers used Psalms heavily to return people to proper worship

Hymns – a song of praise to God

Spiritual Song – expression of biblical truth other than psalm or hymn

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- music commanded: Ps 135:3; Judge 5:3; Deut 31:19; Psa 33:2; 149:3
- Use music in your worship, example:
<http://www.oakbrookpca.org/prayer>

Apply: what do others see in your life when it comes to psalms, hymns and spiritual songs? Does it point them to Christ?

Do others see thankfulness in your hearts by your actions?
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