

Be Joyful in Song

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Psalm 100

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” Psalm 100:1-2 (NIV)

“Jim, would you please just move your lips to the words of the songs?” My husband’s fifth grade teacher asked as the class was preparing their musical program.

He blushed and nodded, hoping no one else heard the unusual request.

Another time, the music teacher, who gave lessons after school for a quarter per session, handed the money back at the end of the second lesson. “Please tell your mother to save her money.” She smiled kindly at the sad child in front of her.

Now Jim has a beautiful voice. Unfortunately, he’s tone deaf and his notes do not fit the music. He loves to sing and worship in church, but now sings softer when it’s a cappella. My sympathy goes out to those in the rows ahead of us.

I believe in my heart that someday when he arrives at his final destination, he will be given a glorious voice with which to praise his Savior. At least he’ll already know all the words!

We can all worship in song and word, regardless of the earthly talent we have received, knowing that our praise is a fragrance acceptable to our God.

PRAYER

Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for the desires you give us to worship you in song and word. Help us to accept the fact that we may need to wait until we are with you in eternity to receive all you have in store for us. We love you and praise you with all our talents. In His precious name, Amen.