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“What God Has Yoked Together”

(Matthew 19:5, 6)

C F/C Cma7 C F F/E Dm7 Fma7/C G/B

With dig - ni - ty and joy, A three - fold cord is bound.
They both have searched God's Word To learn to do his will,

G E/G# G#+5 E7/G# Am G/B Bb/C C7

With God and men to wit - ness, These sa - cred vows re - sound.
And now they seek his bless - ing, Their prom - ise to ful - fill.

Chorus
C7/E F G/F C/E C Am7 Dm7 G Am

He vowed be - fore Je - ho - vah To love her from the heart.
She vowed be - fore Je - ho - vah To love him from the heart.

C/G F G/F C/E Am7 Dm7 Dm/G F/G C

“What God has yoked to - geth - er, Let no man put a - part.”

hovah of armies, no rain will fall on them.^a **18** And if the family of Egypt does not come up and does not come in, they will have no rain. Instead, they will have the scourge with which Jehovah scourges the nations that do not come up to celebrate the Festival of Booths. **19** This will be the punishment for the sin of Egypt and the sin of all the nations that do not come up to celebrate the Festival of Booths.

20 "In that day the words 'Holiness belongs to Jehovah!'^b will be written on the bells of the

CHAP. 14

a Isa 60:12

b Ex 28:36
Ex 39:30

Second Col.

a 1Sa 2:13, 14

b Ex 25:29
Nu 4:7

c Eze 44:9

horses. And the cooking pots^{*a} in the house of Jehovah will be like the bowls^b before the altar. **21** And every cooking pot^{*} in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy and will belong to Jehovah of armies, and all those who are sacrificing will come in and use some of them for boiling. In that day there will no longer be a Ca'naan-ite[#] in the house of Jehovah of armies."^c

14:20 *Or "wide-mouthed cooking pots." **14:21** *Or "wide-mouthed cooking pot." #Or possibly, "trader."

MALACHI

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1 A pronouncement:
The word of Jehovah to Israel through Mal'a-chi:*

2 "I have shown love to you people,"^a says Jehovah.

But you say: "How have you shown us love?"

1:1 *Meaning "My Messenger."

CHAP. 1

a De 10:15

Second Col.

a Ge 25:25, 26

b Ro 9:13

c Jer 49:20

Joe 3:19

d Isa 34:10, 13

"Was not E'sau the brother of Jacob?"^a declares Jehovah. "But I loved Jacob, **3** and E'sau I hated;^b and I made his mountains desolate^c and left his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."^d

4 "Though E'dom says, 'We have been shattered, but we

will return and rebuild the ruins;’ this is what Jehovah of armies says, ‘They will build, but I will tear down, and they will be called “the territory of wickedness” and “the people whom Jehovah has forever condemned.”^a

5 Your own eyes will see it, and you will say: “May Jehovah be magnified over the territory of Israel.”[”]

6 “A son honors a father,^b and a servant his master. So if I am a father,^c where is the honor due me?^d And if I am a master,^e where is the fear^f due me?’ Jehovah of armies says to you priests who are despising my name.^e

“But you say: “How have we despised your name?”

7 “By presenting polluted food^{*} on my altar.’

“And you say: “How have we polluted you?”

“By saying: “The table of Jehovah^f is something to be despised.” **8** And when you present a blind animal as a sacrifice, you say: “It is nothing bad.” And when you present a lame animal or a sick one: “It is nothing bad.”^{”g}

“Try presenting them, please, to your governor. Will he be pleased with you or receive you with favor?” says Jehovah of armies.

9 “And now, please, appeal to^{*} God, that he may show us favor. With such offerings from your own hand, will he receive any of you with favor?” says Jehovah of armies.

10 “And who among you is willing to shut the doors?^{”h} For you will not even light my altar without charge.ⁱ I find no delight in you,” says Jehovah of armies,

1:6 *Or “grand master.” #Or “respect.” 1:7 *Lit., “bread.” 1:9 *Or “soften the face of.” 1:10 *Evidently, the doors of the temple, as a duty.

CHAP. 1

a Isa 34:5
Ob 18

b Ex 20:12

c Ex 4:22

d Isa 1:2

e Eze 22:26

f Eze 41:21, 22
1Co 10:21

g Le 22:20, 22
De 15:21

h 2Ch 23:4

i Jer 6:13
Mic 3:11

Second Col.

a Isa 1:11
Jer 6:20

b Ps 113:3
Isa 45:6
Isa 59:19

c Ps 22:27
Zep 3:9
Mt 28:19
Re 15:4

d Eze 22:26

e Mal 1:7

f Le 22:20, 22
De 15:21
De 17:1

g Ps 47:2
Jer 10:10

h Re 15:4

CHAP. 2

i Mal 1:6

j Le 26:14-17
De 28:15

k Hag 1:11

l Joe 1:17

“and I take no pleasure in any gift offering from your hand.”^a

11 “For from the rising of the sun to its setting,^{*} my name will be great among the nations.^b In every place sacrifices will be made to smoke, and offerings will be made to my name, as a pure gift; because my name will be great among the nations,^c says Jehovah of armies.

12 “But you are profaning it^d by saying, “The table of Jehovah is polluted, and its fruit, its food, is to be despised.”^e **13** You also say, “Look! How tiresome!” and you sniff scornfully at it,” says Jehovah of armies. “And you bring stolen, lame, and sick animals. Yes, you bring such things as a gift! Should I accept it from your hand?”^f says Jehovah.

14 “Cursed is the cunning one who has a sound male animal in his flock, but he makes a vow and sacrifices a blemished^{*} one to Jehovah. For I am a great King,^{”g} says Jehovah of armies, “and my name will be awe-inspiring among the nations.”^h

2 “And now, O priests, this commandment is for you.ⁱ **2** If you refuse to listen and to take it to heart to glorify my name,” says Jehovah of armies, “I will send on you the curse,^j and I will turn your blessings into curses.^k Yes, I have turned the blessings into curses, because you are not taking it to heart.”

3 “Look! I will ruin^{*} your sown seed because of you,^l and I will scatter dung on your faces, the dung of your festivals; and you will be carried away to it.[#]

4 Then you will know that I have

1:11 *Or “from east to west.” 1:12 *Or possibly, “profaning me.” 1:14 *Or “defective.” 2:3 *Lit., “rebuke.” #That is, to the place where dung from sacrifices was deposited.

given this commandment to you so that my covenant with Le'vi may continue,"^a says Jehovah of armies.

5 "My covenant with him was one of life and of peace, which I gave to him, along with fear.* He feared me, yes, he stood in awe of my name. 6 The law* of truth was in his mouth,^b and no unrighteousness was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and in uprightness,^c and he turned many back from error. 7 For the lips of a priest should safeguard knowledge, and people should seek the law* from his mouth,^d because he is the messenger of Jehovah of armies.

8 "But you yourselves have turned aside from the way. You have made many stumble with regard to the law.*^e You have ruined the covenant of Le'vi,"^f says Jehovah of armies. 9 "So I will make you despised and low before all the people, because you did not keep my ways but showed partiality in applying the law."^g

10 "Do we not all have one father?^h Was it not one God who created us? So why do we deal treacherously with one another,ⁱ profaning the covenant of our forefathers? 11 Judah has dealt treacherously, and something detestable has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the holiness* of Jehovah,^j which He loves, and he has taken as a bride the daughter of a foreign god.^k 12 Jehovah will cut off from the tents of Jacob anyone who does this, whoever he may be,* though he presents a gift of offering to Jehovah of armies."^l

2:5 *Or "respect; reverence." 2:6, 7 *Or "instruction." 2:8 *Or possibly, "by your instruction." 2:11 *Or possibly, "the sanctuary." 2:12 *Lit., "one who is awake and one who answers."

CHAP. 2

a Ex 40:12, 15
Nu 3:6
Nu 18:23
Eze 44:15, 16

b 2Ch 17:8, 9

c Ex 32:26

d De 24:8
2Ch 15:3
Ne 8:7, 8
Eze 44:23, 24

e Lu 11:52

f Ne 13:29

g Le 19:15
De 1:17
De 16:19

h Mal 1:6
1Co 8:6

i Ne 5:8

j Le 20:26

k De 7:1, 3
Jg 3:5, 6
1Ki 11:1, 2
Ne 13:23

l 1Sa 15:22

Second Col.

a Pr 21:27

b Pr 5:18-20
Mt 19:4-6

c Ge 2:24
Mt 5:32
Mt 19:8, 9
Mr 10:5-9

d Mal 2:10

e Isa 1:14, 15

f Eze 18:29

CHAP. 3

g Mt 3:1-3
Mt 11:7, 10
Mr 1:2-4
Lu 1:76
Joh 1:6, 23
Joh 3:28

h Ps 11:4

13 "And there is another* thing that you do, which results in covering the altar of Jehovah with tears and with weeping and sighing, so that he no longer pays attention to your gift offering or looks favorably on anything from your hand.^a 14 And you say, 'For what reason?' It is because Jehovah has acted as a witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously, although she is your partner and your wife by covenant.*^b 15 But there was one who did not do it, for he had what remained of the spirit. And what was that one seeking? The offspring* of God. So guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and do not deal treacherously with the wife of your youth. 16 For I hate* divorce,"^c says Jehovah the God of Israel, "and the one who covers his garment with violence,"^d says Jehovah of armies. "And guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and you must not deal treacherously."^d

17 "You have made Jehovah weary with your words.^e But you say, 'How have we made him weary?' By saying, 'Everyone who does bad is good in the eyes of Jehovah, and he finds pleasure in him,' or by saying, 'Where is the God of justice?'"

3 "Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will clear up* a way before me.^g And suddenly the true Lord, whom you are seeking, will come to his temple;^h and the messenger of the covenant will come, in whom you take delight. Look! He will certainly come," says Jehovah of armies.

2:13 *Lit., "a second." 2:14 *Or "your legal wife." 2:15 *Lit., "seed." 2:16 *Lit., "he hates." *Or "who engages in violence." 3:1 *Or "prepare."

2 "But who will endure the day of his coming, and who will be able to stand when he appears? For he will be like the fire of a refiner and like the lye^a of laundrymen. 3 And he will sit as a refiner and cleanser of silver^b and will cleanse the sons of Le'vi; and he will clarify^{*} them like gold and like silver, and they will certainly become to Jehovah people presenting a gift offering in righteousness. 4 And the gift offering of Judah and of Jerusalem will actually be pleasing^{*} to Jehovah, as in the days of long ago and as in the years of antiquity.^c

5 "I will come near to you for judgment, and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers,^d against the adulterers, against those who take false oaths,^e against those who defraud the hired worker,^f the widow, and the fatherless child,^g and against those who refuse to help^h the foreigner.^h These have not feared me," says Jehovah of armies.

6 "For I am Jehovah; I do not change.ⁱ And you are sons of Jacob; you have not yet come to your finish. 7 From the days of your forefathers you have turned aside from my regulations and have not kept them.^j Return to me, and I will return to you,"^k says Jehovah of armies.

But you say: "How are we supposed to return?"

8 "Will a mere human rob God? But you are robbing me."

And you say: "How have we robbed you?"

"In the tithes^{*} and in the contributions. 9 You are certain-

3:2 *Or "soap." 3:3 *Or "refine." 3:4 *Or "gratifying." 3:5 *Or "the orphan." *Or "who deny the rights of." 3:6 *Or "I have not changed." 3:8 *Or "tenth parts."

CHAP. 3

- a Isa 1:25
Jer 2:22
b Ps 66:10
Pr 25:4
Zec 13:9
c 2Ch 7:1
d De 18:10, 12
e Ex 20:7
f Pr 14:31
Jas 5:4
g De 24:17
Isa 1:17
Jas 1:27
h Ex 23:9
Zec 7:10
i Isa 43:10
Isa 46:4
Jas 1:17
j De 9:7
Ac 7:51
k Jer 3:12
Zec 1:3
Jas 4:8

Second Col.

- a Le 27:30
De 14:28
b 2Ch 31:11
Ne 12:44
Ne 13:10
c De 28:12
d Le 26:10
2Ch 31:10
Pr 3:9, 10
e De 11:14
Zec 8:12
f Isa 61:9
g Mal 1:6
h Job 21:14, 15
Ps 73:13, 14
Isa 58:3
Zep 1:12
i Jer 12:1
j Ps 56:8
Ps 69:28
k Isa 26:8

ly cursed,^{*} for you are robbing me—yes, the entire nation is doing so. 10 Bring the entire tithe^{*} into the storehouse,^a so that there may be food in my house;^b and test me out, please, in this regard," Jehovah of armies says, "to see whether I will not open to you the floodgates of the heavens^c and pour out^d on you a blessing until there is nothing lacking."^d

11 "And I will rebuke the devouring one^{*} for you, and it will not ruin the fruit of your land, nor will the vine in your field be fruitless,"^e says Jehovah of armies.

12 "All the nations will have to declare you happy,^f for you will become a land of delight," says Jehovah of armies.

13 "Your words against me have been strong," says Jehovah.

And you say: "How have we spoken against you among ourselves?"^g

14 "You say, 'It is of no value to serve God.^h How have we benefited by keeping our obligations to him and by walking somberly before Jehovah of armies? 15 Now we consider presumptuous people happy. Also, those who practice wickedness are successful.ⁱ They dare to put God to the test and get away with it.'"

16 At that time those who fear Jehovah spoke with one another, each one with his companion, and Jehovah kept paying attention and listening. And a book of remembrance was written before him^j for those fearing Jehovah and for those meditating on^{*} his name.^k

3:9 *Or possibly, "With a curse you are cursing me." 3:10 *Or "all the tenth parts." [#]Lit., "empty out." 3:11 *Apparently referring to insect plagues. 3:16 *Or "thinking on." Or possibly, "treasuring."

17 "And they will be mine,"^a says Jehovah of armies, "in the day when I produce a special property."^b I will show them compassion, just as a man shows compassion to his son who serves him.^c 18 And you will again see the distinction between a righteous person and a wicked person,^d between one serving God and one not serving him."

4 "For look! the day is coming, burning like a furnace,^e when all the presumptuous ones and all those practicing wickedness will become like stubble. The coming day will certainly devour them," says Jehovah of armies, "and it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But on you who honor* my name, the sun

3:17 *Or "a treasured possession."

4:2 *Lit., "fear."

CHAP. 3

a Jer 31:33

b Isa 62:3

1Pe 2:9

c Ps 103:13

d Ps 58:10, 11

CHAP. 4

e Zep 2:2

2Pe 3:7

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a De 4:5

b Mt 11:13, 14

Mr 9:11, 12

c Joe 2:31

Ac 2:20

2Pe 3:10

d Lu 1:17

of righteousness will shine, with healing in its rays;* and you will skip about like fattened calves."

3 "And you will tread the wicked underfoot, for they will be like dust under the soles of your feet on the day when I take action," says Jehovah of armies.

4 "Remember the Law of my servant Moses, the regulations and judgments that I commanded at Ho'reb for all Israel to obey."^a

5 "Look! I am sending to you Eli'jah the prophet^b before the coming of the great and awe-inspiring day of Jehovah.^c

6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers back toward sons,^d and the hearts of sons back toward fathers; so that I may not come and strike the earth, devoting it to destruction."

4:2 *Lit., "wings."

(End of the translation of the Hebrew-Aramaic Scriptures,
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Malachi 2:13, 14—Jehovah despises marital treachery

Reference: *jd* 125-126 paragraphs 4-5.

4 During Malachi's day in the fifth century B.C.E., divorce was rampant among the Jews. Malachi told them: "Jehovah himself has borne witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you yourself have dealt treacherously." Because of treacherous dealings on the part of husbands, the altar of Jehovah was covered with the tears of betrayed wives, "with weeping and sighing." And corrupt priests condoned such cruelty!—**Malachi 2:13, 14**.

5 How did Jehovah view the deplorable attitude toward marriage in Malachi's time? "'He has hated a divorcing,' Jehovah the God of Israel has said," wrote Malachi. He also affirmed that Jehovah 'has not changed.' (Malachi 2:16; 3:6) Do you see the point? God had earlier taken a position against divorce. (**Genesis 2:18, 24**) He did so in Malachi's day. And he still does today. Some people may decide to walk out of their marriage simply because they are not satisfied with their mate. Treacherous though their heart may be, Jehovah searches through it. (**Jeremiah 17:9, 10**) He is aware of any deceit or malicious scheming behind a divorce, however one may rationalize it. Yes, "all things are naked and openly exposed to the eyes of him with whom we have an accounting."—Hebrews 4:13.

Malachi 2:15—Stay loyal to your marriage mate

Reference: *w02* 5/1 18 paragraph 19.

On the positive side, Malachi shows that some husbands were not dealing treacherously with their wives. They 'had what was remaining of God's holy spirit.' (Verse 15) Happily, God's organization today abounds with such men who 'assign honor to their wives.' (1 Peter 3:7) They do not abuse their wives physically or verbally, do not insist on degrading sexual practices, and do not dishonor their wives by flirting with other women or by viewing pornography. Jehovah's organization is also blessed by having an abundance of faithful Christian wives who are loyal to God and his laws. All such men and women know what God hates, and they think and act accordingly. Continue to be like them, 'obeying God as ruler' and being blessed by his holy spirit.—Acts 5:29.

Digging for Spiritual Gems

Malachi 1:10—Why must our acts of worship be motivated by unselfish love for God and neighbor?

Reference: w07 12/15 27 **paragraph 1**.

Jehovah took no pleasure in the offerings of the greedy priests, who would charge a fee even for such simple services as shutting doors or lighting altar fires. How important it is that our acts of worship, including what we do in the Christian ministry, be motivated by unselfish love for God and neighbor, never for monetary gain!—Matthew 22:37-39; 2 Corinthians 11:7.

Malachi 3:1—How was this verse fulfilled in the first century and in modern times?

Reference: w13 7/15 10-11 **paragraphs 5-6**.

A Messenger 'Clears up a Way'

5 Centuries before Jesus gave the illustration of the wheat and the weeds, Jehovah inspired his prophet Malachi to foretell events that are reflected in Jesus' illustration. (Read Malachi 3:1-4.) John the Baptizer was the 'messenger who cleared up the way.' (**Matthew 11:10, 11**) When he came in 29 C.E., a time of judgment for the nation of Israel had drawn close. Jesus was the second messenger. He cleansed the temple in Jerusalem twice—first at the start of his ministry and second toward the end. (**Matthew 21:12, 13**; John 2:14-17) Hence, Jesus' cleansing work involved a period of time.

6 What is the larger fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy? During the decades leading up to 1914, C. T. Russell and his close associates did a work like that of John the Baptizer. That vital work involved restoring Bible truths. The Bible Students taught the true meaning of Christ's ransom sacrifice, exposed the hellfire lie, and proclaimed the coming end of the Gentile Times. Still, there were numerous religious groups who claimed to be Christ's followers. So a crucial question needed to be answered: Who among those groups were the wheat? To settle that question, Jesus began to inspect the spiritual temple in 1914. That inspection and cleansing work involved a period of time—from 1914 to the early part of 1919.

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Apply Yourself to the Field Ministry

Return Visit: Teach the Truth

Reference: mwb16.08 8 **paragraph 2.**

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Talk: How Do We Bring the Entire Tithe Into the Storehouse Today?

Reference: w07 12/15 28 **paragraph 1.**

Malachi 3:10—Does the bringing in of “all the tenth parts,” or tithing, represent giving our all to Jehovah? The Mosaic Law was abolished on the basis of Jesus’ death, so monetary tithing is not a requirement. Yet, tithing has a symbolic meaning. (Ephesians 2:15) It does not represent the giving of our all. While the tenth part was brought year after year, we bring our all to Jehovah only once—when we dedicate ourselves to him and symbolize our dedication by undergoing water baptism. From that time on, everything we have belongs to Jehovah. Still, he allows us to choose a portion of what we have—a symbolic tithe—to use in his service. It is whatever our circumstances allow and our heart impels us to use. The offerings we bring to Jehovah include the time, energy, and resources used in the Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making work. Also included are attending Christian meetings, visiting sick and elderly fellow believers, and rendering financial support to true worship.

Now We Are One

(Genesis 2:23, 24)

Db Absus4/Db Ab7/Db Bbm9 Bbm

This is at last bone of my bone, Flesh of my flesh; now

Gb Ebm Fm Ebm/Gb Bbm Dbma7/Ab

I'm not a-lone. God has pro - vid - ed a part - ner,

Gb Gb/Ab Ab7 Db

Some - one to call my own. Now we are one;

Ab7sus4/Db Ab7/Db Bbm9 Bbm Gb

now there can be Bless-ings to share for you and for me.

Now We Are One

Ebm Fm Ebm/Gb Bbm Dbma7/Ab Gb

As man and wom - an to - geth - er, We are a

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab) and a common time signature. It features a series of chords: Ebm, Fm, Ebm/Gb, Bbm, Dbma7/Ab, and Gb. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a bass line for the melody. The lyrics 'As man and wom - an to - geth - er, We are a' are positioned between the two staves.

Gb/Ab Ebm6/Gb Fsus4 F Bbm/F

fam - i - ly. Ev - 'ry day we'll serve our

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The top staff continues with chords: Gb/Ab, Ebm6/Gb, Fsus4, F, and Bbm/F. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics 'fam - i - ly. Ev - 'ry day we'll serve our' are positioned between the two staves.

Fsus4 F Fsus4 F F/C Bb/C C7 Fsus4 F

God a - bove. As he shows the way,

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The top staff continues with chords: Fsus4, F, Fsus4, F, F/C, Bb/C, C7, Fsus4, and F. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics 'God a - bove. As he shows the way,' are positioned between the two staves.

Bbm/F C/E E° Ebm7 Gb/Ab

Un - fail - ing love we'll dis - play.

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of music. The top staff continues with chords: Bbm/F, C/E, E°, Ebm7, and Gb/Ab. The bottom staff continues the bass line. The lyrics 'Un - fail - ing love we'll dis - play.' are positioned between the two staves.

Now We Are One

Db Ab7sus4/Db Ab7/Db Bbm9 Bbm

As we have vowed, so may it be. Sea - sons of joy, may

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The treble staff features a melody with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with quarter notes. The lyrics are positioned between the two staves.

Gb Ebm Fm Ebm/Gb Bbm Dbma7/Ab

we come to see. Oh, may we hon - or Je - ho - vah,

Detailed description: This system contains the next two lines of music. The treble staff continues the melody with some chords. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are positioned between the two staves.

Gb Ebm7 Gb/Ab Fm/Ab Ab7

And may you al - ways be my

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The treble staff has a long note with a fermata. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are positioned between the two staves.

Db

love.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two lines of music. The treble staff has a long note with a fermata. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are positioned between the two staves.

(See also Gen. 29:18; Eccl. 4:9, 10; 1 Cor. 13:8.)

- Song 131 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD’S WORD

- **“Does Your Marriage Please Jehovah?”:** (10 min.)
[Play the video *Introduction to Malachi.*]
Mal 2:13, 14—Jehovah despises marital treachery (jd 125-126 ¶4-5)
Mal 2:15, 16—Stay loyal to your marriage mate (w02 5/1 18 ¶19)
- **Digging for Spiritual Gems:** (8 min.)
Mal 1:10—Why must our acts of worship be motivated by unselfish love for God and neighbor? (w07 12/15 27 ¶1)

Mal 3:1—How was this verse fulfilled in the first century and in modern times? (w13 7/15 10-11 ¶5-6)

What has this week’s Bible reading taught you about Jehovah?

What other spiritual gems have you discovered in this week’s Bible reading?

- **Bible Reading:** (4 min. or less) Mal 1:1-10

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

- **Initial Call:** (2 min. or less) 1Co 15:26—Teach the Truth.
- **Return Visit:** (4 min. or less) Isa 26:19; 2Co 1:3, 4—Teach the Truth. (See *mwb16.08 8 ¶2.*)
- **Talk:** (6 min. or less) w07 12/15 28 ¶1—Theme: How Do We Bring the Entire Tithe Into the Storehouse Today?


LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

- Song 132
- **“What Is True Love?”:** (15 min.) Questions and answers.
- **Congregation Bible Study:** (30 min.) jy chap. 1
- Review Followed by Preview of Next Week (3 min.)
- Song 96 and Prayer

MALACHI 1-4 | Does Your Marriage Please Jehovah?

2:13-16

- In Malachi’s day, many Israelites obtained a divorce for frivolous reasons. Jehovah did not accept the worship of those who dealt treacherously with their mate
- Jehovah blessed those who treated their mate honorably

 How can marriage mates today remain loyal with regard to their . . . thoughts?

eyes?

speech?



What Is True Love?

Jehovah designed marriage to be a permanent bond between a man and a woman. (Ge 2:22-24) Divorce would be an option only in cases of sexual immorality. (Mal 2:16; Mt 19:9) Since Jehovah wants marriages to be happy, he has provided principles that can help Christians to select a mate wisely and to maintain a happy marriage.—Ec 5:4-6.

WATCH THE VIDEO *WHAT IS TRUE LOVE?*, AND THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Why was the correction that Frank and Bonnie gave to their daughter, Liz, both wise and loving?

- Why is it unwise to think that you can change the person you are courting?

- What wise advice did Paul and Priscilla give to Liz?

- Why did problems develop in the marriage of Zach and Megan?

- What spiritual pursuits did John and Liz share in common?

- Why should you get to know “the secret person of the heart” of someone before exchanging marriage vows with that person? (1Pe 3:4)

- What is true love? (1Co 13:4-8)



Where can Christians find additional information regarding dating?

- JW Broadcasting video series *Preparing for Marriage*
- JW.ORG video *Is It Love or Infatuation?*
- *Questions Young People Ask—Answers That Work*, Volumes 1 and 2
- *Research Guide for Jehovah’s Witnesses* (Go to “Family Life,” then “Dating and Courtship.”)

Where can married couples find helpful counsel?

- JW.ORG articles (Look under BIBLE TEACHINGS > HELP FOR THE FAMILY.)
- Brochure *Your Family Can Be Happy*
- Book *The Secret of Family Happiness*
- *Research Guide for Jehovah’s Witnesses* (Go to “Family Life,” then “Marriage.”)



SECTION

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LEADING UP TO
JESUS'
MINISTRY

“THIS ONE
WILL BE GREAT.”

—LUKE 1:32

TWO MESSAGES FROM GOD

LUKE 1:5-33

We can consider the entire Bible to be, in effect, a message from God. Our heavenly Father has provided it for our instruction. Consider, though, two special messages that were delivered over 2,000 years ago. They were delivered by an angel named Gabriel, who “stands near before God.” (Luke 1:19) What were the circumstances under which the angel provided those important messages?

It is about the year 3 B.C.E. Where does Gabriel deliver the first message? In the Judean hills, probably not far from Jerusalem, there lives a priest of Jehovah by the name of Zechariah. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are no longer young, and they have no children. It is Zechariah’s turn to serve as a priest at God’s temple in Jerusalem. While Zechariah is at the temple, Gabriel suddenly appears near the incense altar.

Understandably, that frightens Zechariah. But the angel calms Zechariah’s fears, saying: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your supplication has been favorably heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to name him John.” Gabriel adds that John “will be great in the sight of Jehovah” and will “get ready for Jehovah a prepared people.”—Luke 1:13-17.

To Zechariah, that seems unbelievable. Why? Because of his and Elizabeth’s age. So Gabriel tells him: “You will be silent and unable to speak

until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words.”—Luke 1:20.

Meanwhile, the people outside are wondering why Zechariah is taking so long inside. Finally he comes out, but he cannot speak. Zechariah can only make signs with his hands. It is evident that he has seen something supernatural while in the temple.

After Zechariah finishes his service at the temple, he returns to his home. Soon thereafter, Elizabeth becomes pregnant! For five months, while awaiting the birth of her child, Elizabeth stays at home away from people.

Then Gabriel appears a second time. To whom? To a young unmarried woman named Mary, who lives up north in the region called Galilee, in the city of Nazareth. What does the angel tell her? He says: “You have found favor with God.” Gabriel goes on to tell Mary: “Look! you will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus.” Gabriel adds: “This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, . . . and he will rule as King over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end to his Kingdom.”—Luke 1:30-33.

You can appreciate how privileged Gabriel must feel to deliver these two messages. As we read more about John and Jesus, it will be clear why these messages from heaven are so important.

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- ◇ Who delivers two important messages from heaven?
 - ◇ To whom are the two messages delivered?
 - ◇ Why, do you think, are the messages from heaven so difficult to believe?

- THE ANGEL GABRIEL FORETELLS THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
- GABRIEL TELLS MARY OF THE COMING BIRTH OF JESUS



God's Own Book—A Treasure

(Proverbs 2:1)

Ab Gb/Bb Ab7/C Db Ab/C Bbm Bbm/Ab Ab/Gb Gb

There is a book that by its man - y pag - es,
They wrote a rec - ord true of God's cre - a - tions,
The time has come with rea - son for re - joic - ing:

Bb Ab/C Bb7/D Ebm9 Ebm Ebm/Db Ebm/C

Brings peace and joy and hope to hu - man - kind.
How by his might this u - ni - verse ap - peared.
Je - ho - vah rules by his a - noint - ed King.

Ebm/F F7 Bbm9 Bbm Bbm/Ab Gbma7 Ebm/Gb

Its won - drous thoughts are charged with such great pow - er;
They al - so told how man at first was sin - less
So now we preach the good news of the King - dom

Db/F Bbm7 Eb7 Ebm11

It brings life to the "dead," sight to the "blind."
But how his Par - a - dise then dis - ap - peared.
And share the hope of bless - ings it will bring.

God's Own Book—A Treasure

Ab7 Gb/Bb Ab7/C Db Ab/C Bbm Bbm/Ab Ab/Gb Gb

That pre - cious book is God's own Ho - ly Bi - ble.
 They fur - ther told a - bout a cer - tain an - gel
 With - in his book are found these cheer - ful tid - ings;

Bb Ab/C Bb7/D Ebm9 Ebm EbmDb Ebm/C

Its words were penned by men whom God in - spired,
 Who chal - langed God and spurned his sov - 'reign - ty.
 A sa - cred ban - quet feast on which to feed.

F7 Eb/G F7/A Bbm Fm/Ab Gb Db/F Ebm9 Ebm

By men who tru - ly loved their God Je - ho - vah,
 That chal - lenge led to sin and man's great sor - row,
 It of - fers peace be - yond all hu - man think - ing;

Gbm Gbm(ma7) Gbm6 Db/F Ab/Eb D° Gb/Db Ab7/C Gb/Bb Ab7/C Db

And by his ho - ly spir - it they were fired.
 But soon will come Je - ho - vah's vic - to - ry.
 This Liv - ing Trea - sure beck - ons all to read.

(See also 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21.)

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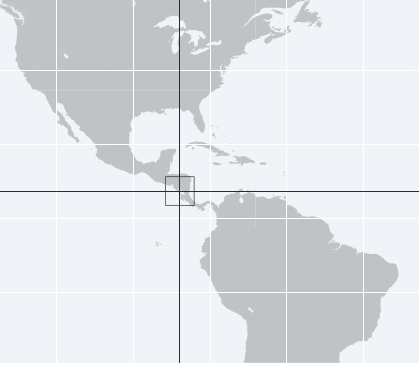
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Praise Jehovah Our God!

(Psalm 145:12)

G7 C G7/D C/E G7 C F C/E G7

Praise our God! Praise our God!
 Sing it loud and clear! With a

C C/E Am D7 G Dm7 G7 F/A G7/B C C#°

glo - rious name known to all!
 joy - ful song, laud his name!
 Sound a - larm,
 From the heart,
 For his
 From a

G7/D Dm/C G7/B G9/F G9+5/F C/E Am7 Dm7 G7 G7sus4

day is near, Help all peo - ple hear his warn - ing
 grate - ful heart, All his glo - ry bold - ly we pro -

C D7 G C D/C G/B D G G/B C

call. Je - ho - vah de - creed that now is the time For his
 claim. Though grand is our God and great are his works, He is

Praise Jehovah Our God!

G C D/C G/B G D Em11 D/F# D7 G C D/C G/B D

First - born to rule as King. Reach out to all peo - ple,
 hum - ble and good to all. Our mer - ci - ful Fa - ther

G G/F C/E Cm/Eb G/D Em7 A7 D7

tell them the news, Tell what bless - ings our God will
 knows what we need; He re - sponds when he hears our

Chorus
 G G7 C G7/D C/E G7 C F C/E D#°

bring! Praise our God! Praise Je - ho - vah God! Make his
 call.

C/E Am7 Dm7 F/G G7 C

great - ness known in all the earth!



Make a Joyful Sound!

“It is good to sing praises to our God.”—PS. 147:1.

A POPULAR lyricist once said: “Words make you think thoughts. Music makes you feel a feeling. But a song makes you feel a thought.” What better thoughts could we “feel” than those that express praise and love for our heavenly Father, Jehovah? It is no wonder that singing is a prominent aspect of pure worship, whether we are alone when we sing or we are with the congregation of God’s people.

² How, though, do you feel about singing aloud with the congregation? Do you find it embarrassing? In some cultures, men may feel uncomfortable singing in public. This view can affect the whole congregation, especially if those taking the lead find reasons to hold back or to engage in other activities while the rest of the congregation is singing.—Ps. 30:12.

³ If we truly consider singing as part of our worship, we certainly will not want to walk out on or be absent from that part of the meeting program. Thus, each one of us should ask himself: ‘How do I view the singing at our meetings for worship? How can I overcome any apprehension that may hold

1. What does singing enable us to do?
- 2, 3. (a) How might some feel about singing aloud with the congregation? (b) What questions will we consider?

SONGS: 10, 2

HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER?

What role does singing play in true worship?

How can you overcome obstacles and sing praises to Jehovah with feeling?

What improvements have been made in the new songbook, and how can you make the best use of it?

me back from singing out joyfully? And what can I do to express fully the feeling of the songs we sing?"

SINGING—AN INTEGRAL PART OF TRUE WORSHIP

⁴ Faithful worshippers of Jehovah have long used music as a way to praise Jehovah. It is noteworthy that when the ancient Israelites were faithfully serving Jehovah, singing was prominent in their worship. For example, in preparation for service at the temple, King David organized 4,000 Levites to provide music of praise. Among these, 288 were "trained in song to Jehovah, all experts."—1 Chron. 23:5; 25:7.

⁵ At the inauguration of the temple, music and singing played a prominent role. The account tells us: "At the moment when the trumpeters and the singers were praising and thanking Jehovah in unison, and as the sound ascended from the trumpets, the cymbals, and the other musical instruments as they were praising Jehovah, . . . the glory of Jehovah filled the house of the true God." What a faith-strengthening occasion that must have been!—2 Chron. 5:13, 14; 7:6.

⁶ When Nehemiah led the faithful Israelites in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, he also organized the Levite singers with full instrumental accompaniment. When the rebuilt walls were dedicated, the special music presentation contributed greatly to the joy of the occasion. This time, there were "two large thanksgiving choirs." Walking in opposite di-

4, 5. How extensive were the arrangements for singing in worship in ancient Israel?

6. Describe the special presentation of singing during Nehemiah's rule as governor in Jerusalem.

rections, the choirs met on the wall close to the temple area to create a sound that could be heard from far away. (Neh. 12:27, 28, 31, 38, 40, 43) Jehovah was no doubt pleased to hear his worshippers enthusiastically praising him in song.

⁷ With the establishment of the Christian congregation, music continued to be a prominent feature of true worship. On the most important night in human history, Jesus included the singing of songs after the institution of the Lord's Evening Meal.—**Read Matthew 26:30.**

⁸ First-century Christians set a pattern of praising God together in song. Even though they often met in private homes, the modest surroundings for worship did not diminish their zeal for singing to Jehovah. Under inspiration, the apostle Paul directed his Christian brothers: "Keep on teaching and encouraging one another with psalms, praises to God, spiritual songs sung with gratitude, singing in your hearts to Jehovah." (Col. 3:16) The songs in our songbook are truly "spiritual songs [to be] sung with gratitude." They are a part of the spiritual food provided by "the faithful and discreet slave."—Matt. 24:45.

OVERCOMING APPREHENSION ABOUT SINGING

⁹ What if singing is not customary in your family, culture, or environment?

7. How did Jesus emphasize the need for singing in Christian worship?

8. How did the first-century Christians set a pattern of singing in worship?

9. (a) What might prevent some from singing out joyfully at our meetings and assemblies? (b) How should we sing praises to Jehovah, and who should take the lead? (See opening picture.)

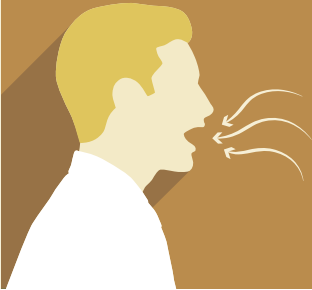
HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR SINGING

(See paragraphs 11-14)

Use good posture



Take a deep breath



Open your mouth and throat wide



Sing out



With the availability of modern technology, you may enjoy listening to professional singers. Yet, you may feel embarrassed or disappointed when comparing your voice with productions from the entertainment world. That, however, should not interfere with your responsibility to sing praises to Jehovah. Rather, hold your songbook up high, lift your head, and sing with heartfelt expression! (Ezra 3:11; **read Psalm 147:1.**) Today, in many Kingdom Halls, the words of the songs are shown on screens, which helps us to sing out. It is also of interest that the singing of Kingdom songs has been made part of the Kingdom Ministry School curriculum for elders. This emphasizes the need for elders to take the lead in congregation singing.

¹⁰ One factor that keeps many from

10. What should we remember if fear inhibits us from singing out?

singing with a full voice is fear. It may be fear of standing out or of possibly sounding unpleasant to others. However, we should keep in mind that when we speak, “we all stumble many times.” (Jas. 3:2) Yet, that does not stop us from speaking. So why should we let our imperfect singing voices stop us from praising Jehovah in song?

¹¹ Perhaps we are apprehensive about singing because we are unsure of *how* to sing. Yet, we can improve our singing by applying some basic suggestions.*

¹² You can learn to sing with power and volume by *breathing* properly. Much as electricity powers a light bulb, breathing energizes your voice when you speak or

* For more instruction on improving the singing voice, see the December 2014 monthly program on JW Broadcasting (video category FROM OUR STUDIO).

11, 12. What are some suggestions for improving our singing?

sing. You should sing as loud as you speak or even louder than that. (See the suggestions found in *Benefit From Theocratic Ministry School Education*, pages 181 to 184, under the subheading “Properly Control Your Air Supply.”) In fact, within the context of singing praises, the Scriptures sometimes direct Jehovah’s worshippers to “shout joyfully.” —Ps. 33:1-3.

¹³ During family worship or even on your own, try the following: Choose one of your favorite songs from our songbook. Read the lyrics out loud in a strong, confident voice. Next, using the same volume, say all the words from a single phrase of the song *in one breath*. Then sing the phrase, using the same vibrant voice. (Isa. 24:14) Your singing voice will become fuller, and that is a good thing. Do not let it scare you or embarrass you!

13. Explain how we can increase our confidence in our singing.

¹⁴ You will not produce a full singing voice unless you make space in your mouth. So another suggestion is to open your mouth wider than you do for normal speaking. What should you do if you feel that you have a weak voice or perhaps a voice that is too high-pitched? You can find practical suggestions regarding these problems in *Benefit From Theocratic Ministry School Education*, page 184, in the box “Overcoming Specific Problems.”

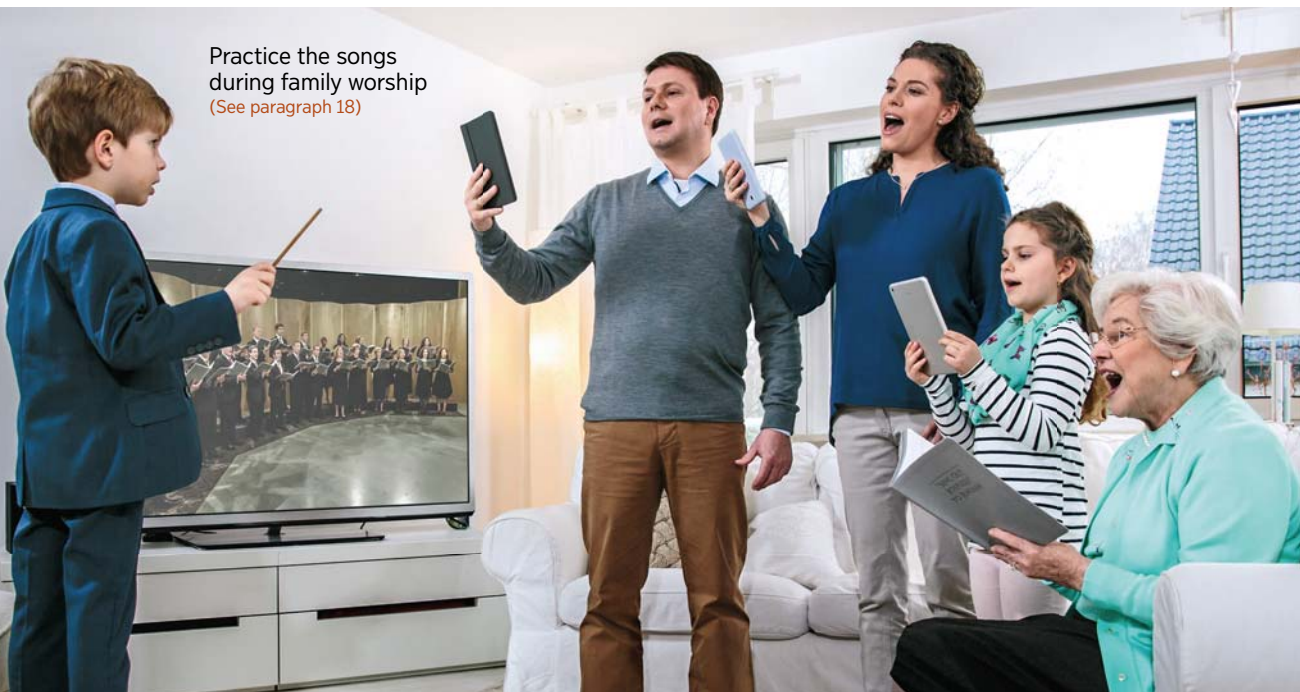
SING PRAISES FROM THE HEART

¹⁵ There was excitement at the 2016 annual meeting of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania when Brother Stephen Lett of the

14. (a) How can opening our mouth wider help our singing? (See the box “How to Improve Your Singing.”) (b) What suggestions for overcoming voice problems do you find practical?

15. (a) What announcement was made at the 2016 annual meeting? (b) What are some of the objectives of the new songbook?

Practice the songs during family worship
(See paragraph 18)



Governing Body announced that a new songbook, entitled “*Sing Out Joyfully*” to *Jehovah*, would soon be available for use at the meetings. Brother Lett explained that one objective of the revision was to bring the songs into harmony with the revised *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*. This required removing or revising lyrics that used expressions no longer found in the *New World Translation* as a result of the 2013 revision. Further, new songs about our preaching work and songs that express our appreciation for the ransom have been included. Also, because singing is an integral part of our worship, the Governing Body wanted to produce a high-quality book that matches the cover of the revised *New World Translation*.

¹⁶ To make “*Sing Out Joyfully*” to *Jehovah* easier to use, the songs are arranged by subject matter. For example, the first 12 songs relate to *Jehovah*, the next 8 songs are about Jesus and the ransom, and so on. There is a subject index that will be helpful, for instance, when choosing a song for a public talk.

¹⁷ To help everyone to sing from the heart, some lyrics have been revised to improve clarity of thought and to remove words that are no longer in common use. For example, the word “shall” is not widely used today, so it has been replaced. Similarly, the title “Long-Suffering” has been changed to “Exercise Patience,” and the lyrics have been adjusted accordingly. The change of the title “Guard Your Heart” to “We Guard Our Hearts” was most considerate. Why? In the audience at our meetings, assemblies, and conventions are

16, 17. What refinements were made in the new songbook?

many new ones, interested ones, young ones, and sisters who by singing the words would be put in the awkward position of telling others what to do. So the title and the lyrics were modified.

¹⁸ Many of the songs from “*Sing Out Joyfully*” to *Jehovah* are in the form of a prayer. With these songs, you can express your personal feelings to *Jehovah*. Other songs will help “to incite [us] to love and fine works.” (Heb. 10:24) Surely we want to become familiar with the melodies, rhythms, and lyrics of our songs. You can do so by listening to the vocal renditions available on *jw.org*. By practicing the songs at home, you can learn to sing them with confidence and heartfelt expression.*

¹⁹ Remember that singing is an important feature of our worship. It is a powerful way to show our love and appreciation for *Jehovah*. **(Read Isaiah 12:5.)** When you sing out joyfully, you will also encourage others to sing with confidence. Indeed, all in the congregation—young, old, and newly interested ones—can join in this form of direct worship of *Jehovah*. So do not hold back in expressing yourself in song. Instead, obey the clear direction from the inspired psalmist: “Sing to *Jehovah*!” Yes, make a joyful sound!—Ps. 96:1.

* To help us get into the spirit of singing, each of the convention and assembly program sessions opens with a ten-minute music presentation. These orchestral arrangements are composed in such a way that they will prepare our heart and mind for the program to follow. Therefore, we are encouraged to be in our seats from the start and to listen attentively to these music programs.

18. Why should we become familiar with the songs in our new songbook? (See footnote.)

19. How can all in the congregation directly share in worshipping *Jehovah*?

Jehovah Is Your Name

(Psalm 83:18)

F Am Dm Dm/C

The liv - ing and true God— The God of all cre - a - tion
You cause us to be - come What - ev - er you de - si - re,

Bb Bb/C F Am

In ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion— Je -
To do as you re - qui - re— Je -

Dm Dm/C Bb Dm/A Gm

ho - vah is your name. We're hon - ored and we're proud
ho - vah is your name. And Wit - ness - es for you

Gm/F Eb Bb/D

To be your con - gre - ga - tion. In
Is what you've kind - ly named us. We're

Jehovah Is Your Name

Csus4 C/Bb

ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion, Your
hon - ored you have claimed us— A

R.H.

F/A Bb Csus4 C Chorus

glo - ry we pro - claim. Je -
peo - ple for your name.

F C/E Dm Dm/C

ho - vah, Je - ho - vah, There is no God like you.

Bb F/A Gm Dm/F

There's no oth - er in the heav - ens Or

Jehovah Is Your Name

F/Eb Eb F/Eb Eb Gm

on the earth be - low. You a - lone are God Al -

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The treble staff features chords F/Eb, Eb, F/Eb, Eb, and Gm. The bass staff provides a rhythmic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "on the earth be - low. You a - lone are God Al -".

Gm/F C/E Dm11 C

might - y, And this all men must know. Je -

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The treble staff features chords Gm/F, C/E, Dm11, and C. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "might - y, And this all men must know. Je -".

F Am7 Dm7 Gm7

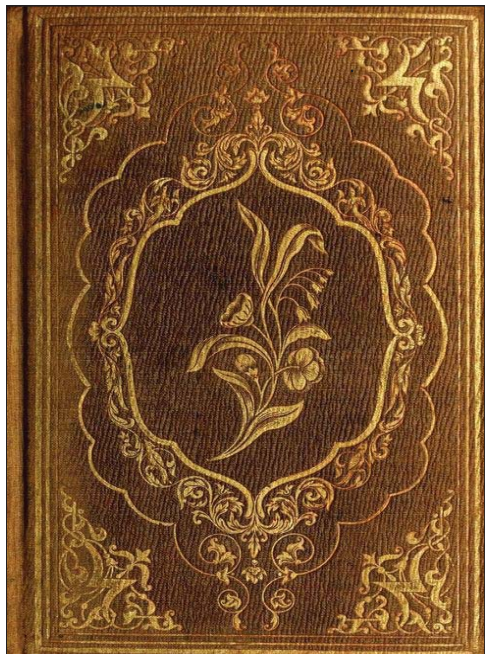
ho - vah, Je - ho - vah, We have no oth - er

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The treble staff features chords F, Am7, Dm7, and Gm7. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ho - vah, Je - ho - vah, We have no oth - er".

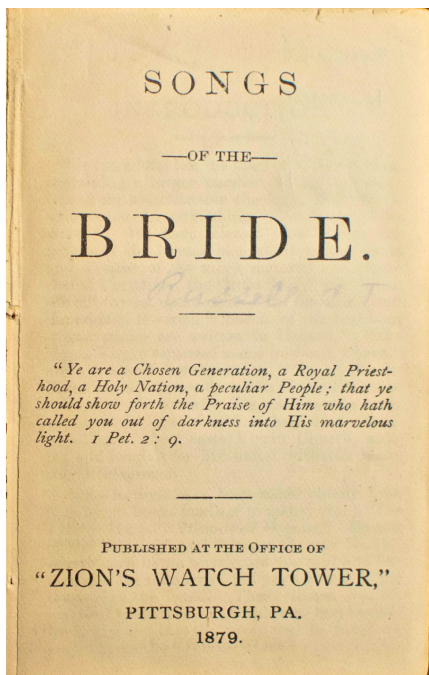
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God but you.

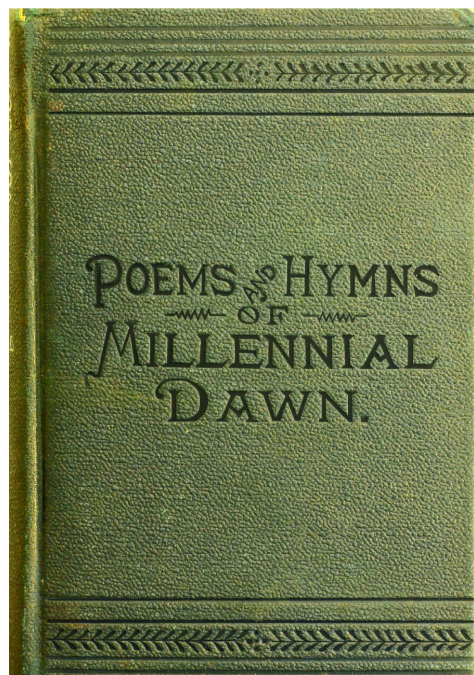
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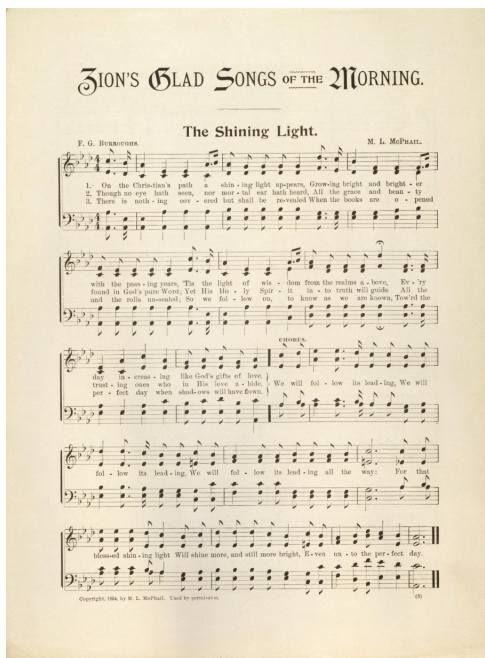
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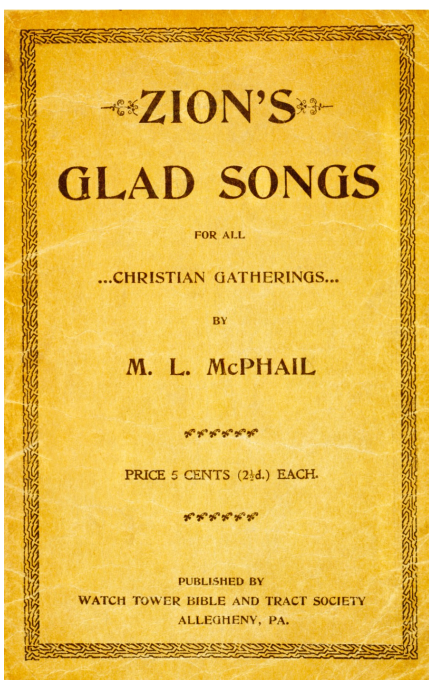
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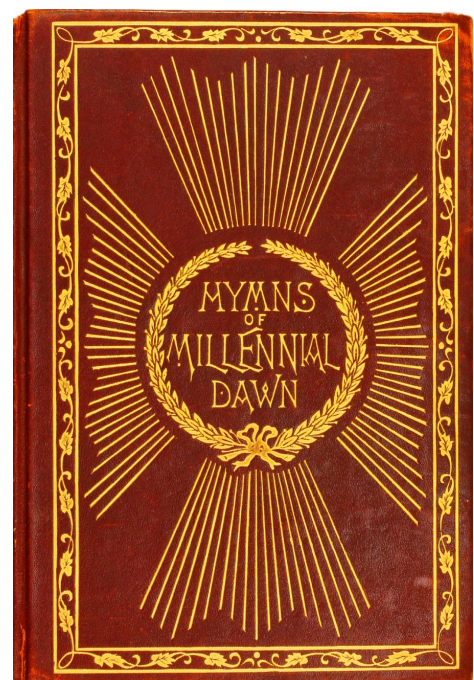
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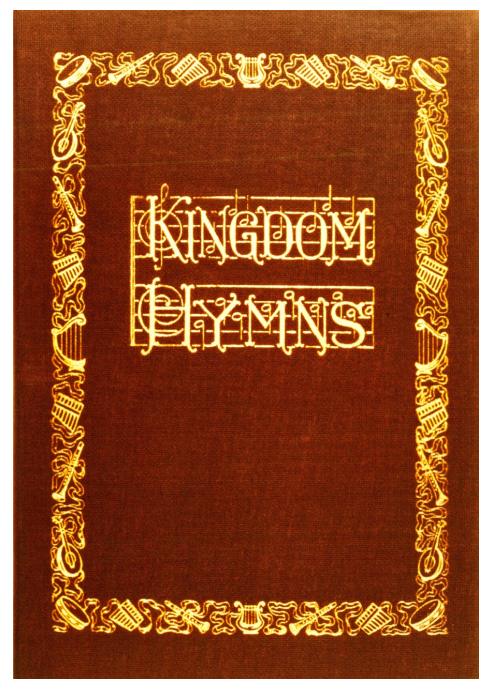
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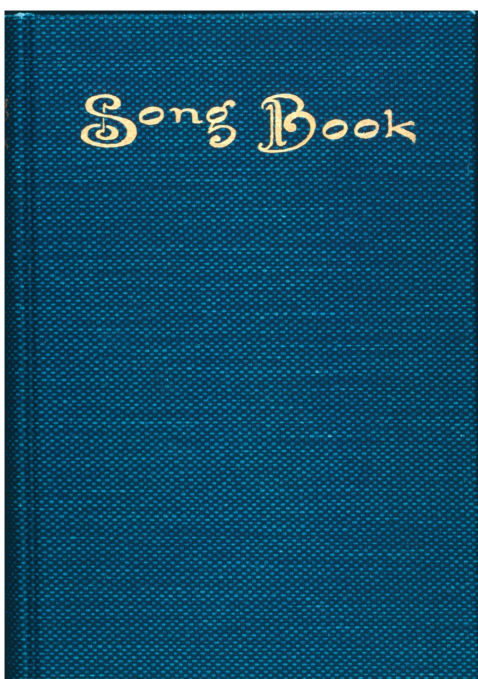
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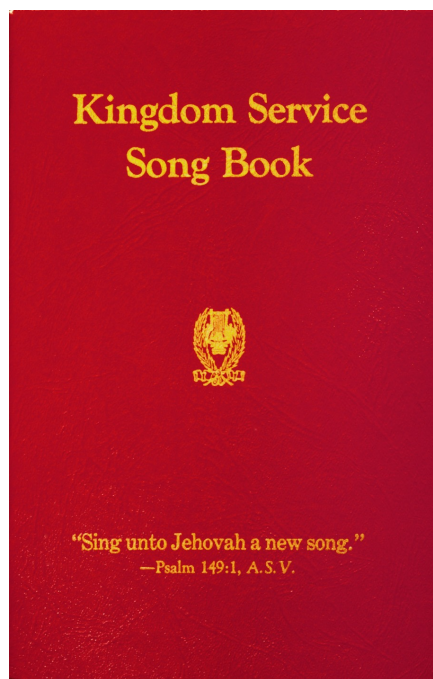
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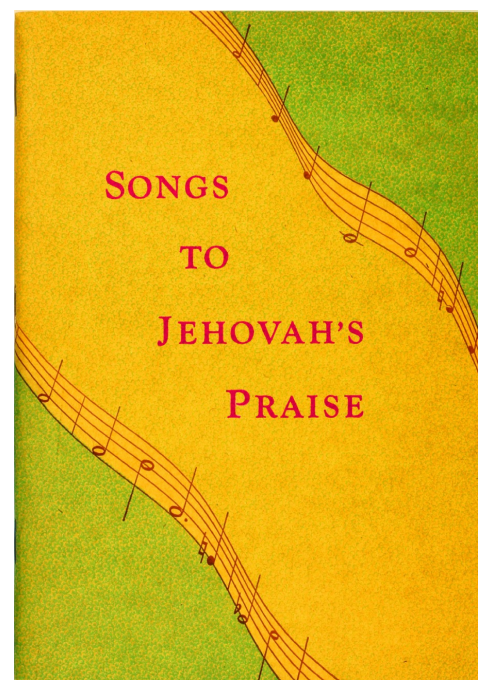
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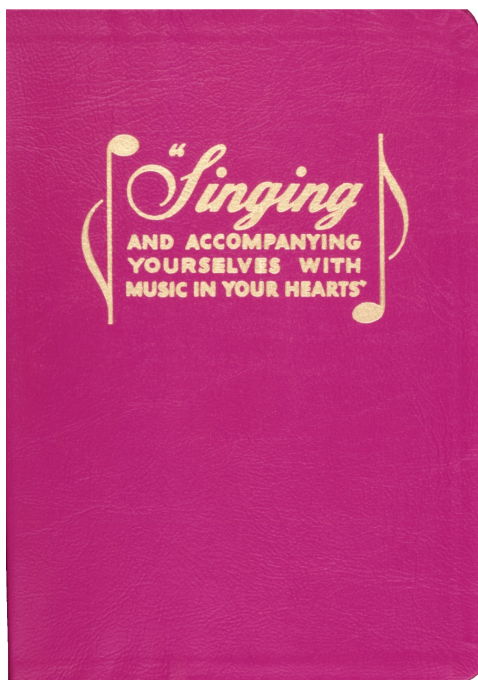
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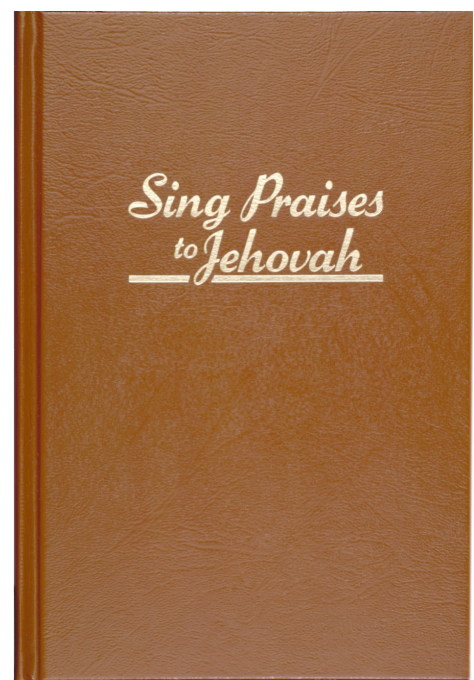
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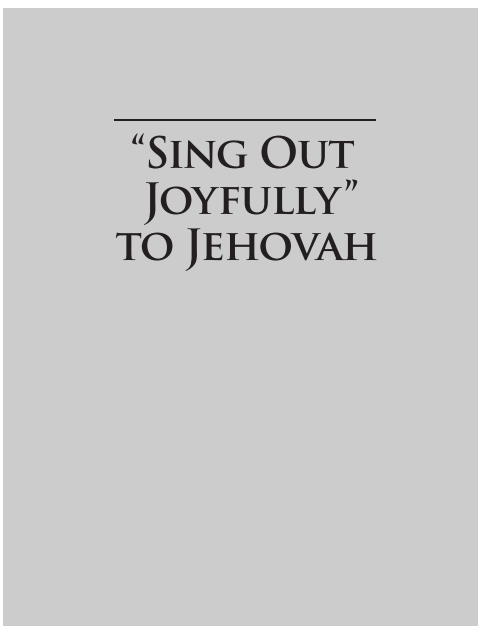
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