



"WORSHIPPING THE LORD"

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

LESSON 9: NOVEMBER 30- DECEMBER 6, 2019

"And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord: 'For He is good, for His mercy endures forever toward Israel' " (Ezra 3:11, NKJV)

H Y M N S F O R W O R S H I P . O R G

RECURRING THEME IN THIS WEEK'S LESSON & HYMN LIST

A. Worshipping the Lord

- O Worship the Lord, SDAH 6
- Sing Praise to God, SDAH 29
- O Sing, My Soul, Your Maker's Praise, SDAH 37
- Sing to the Great Jehovah's Praise, SDAH 105
- Thanks to God, SDAH 276
- Praise and Thanksgiving, SDAH 563

B. Purification of the Levites

- Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, SDAH 27
- Deeper Yet, SDAH 302
- Power in the Blood, SDAH 294

C. Music in worship is one of the ways we express gratitude to God

- Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! SDAH 167
- Tell Out, My Soul SDAH 31
- When in Our Music God is Glorified, SDAH 32

D. Rejoicing in the sacrifice God has given

- The Wonders of Redeeming Love, SDAH 179
- Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness, SDAH 177
- Jesus Paid it All, SDAH 184

E. The important work of the Levites in worship, even though it may go thankless at times

- Working, O Christ, With Thee, SDAH 582
- Give of Your Best to the Master, SDAH 572

HYMN NOTES

SING PRAISE TO GOD, SDAH 29

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-029-sing-praise-to-god/>

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.

There's always a reason to praise God for. In the case of the Israelites, it was grand and joyous celebration of praise to God for the repaired newly wall and temple, His benevolence, protection and mercy towards them. In this hymn, J. Schultz enumerates the many reasons why we should sing praises to Him. Indeed, He is the God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, and the God of our salvation!

THANKS TO GOD, SDAH 276

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-276-thanks-god/>

WYLDE GREEN 8.7.8.7.4.7.

Part of the worship service in Nehemiah's time was creating two thanksgiving choirs that walked around Jerusalem singing, accompanied by instruments. They started in the same place and then split off, each going in a different direction around the walls of the city. Both on earth and in heaven, music is part of the worship experience. Reflect especially on Exodus 15:1; 2 Chronicles 20:21, 22; and Revelation 15:2-4. Singing is all about what the Lord has done for His people.

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART, SDAH 27

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-027-rejoice-ye-pure-in-heart/>

MARION S.M. REF.

Before performing the wall's dedication, the priests and Levites purified themselves and the people as well as the gates and the wall. The purification rituals common in Israel symbolized cleansing from sin and separation for holiness. The rituals mainly involved washing clothes and bathing (Exod. 29:4, Exod. 40:12-15, Lev. 16:20-28, Num. 19:7).



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The water of purification was not miraculous in itself; rather, it was the Word of God that declared that purification cleansed the people from sin and death. The ritual served as a symbol of purity. Holiness and cleansing from sin were important for approaching God in a dedication ceremony. The ritual cleansing showed that the blood of Christ cleansed and covered the people. The purification service incorporated forgiveness for sins. As people humbled themselves before God and washed, they were acknowledging that they needed help; they needed to be made clean by God.

WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED, SDAH 32

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-032-when-in-our-music-god-is-glorified/>

ENGELBERG 10.10.10.4.

The week's lesson talks extensively about the importance of the musician's role in church. Music is very important in worship as can be seen in the days of David who employed hundreds of Levites to make sure music is excellently done. The dedication service was also a grand and elaborate scheme with choirs and singing. Excellence must always be a goal in worship. But praises must come from the heart and be expressed in the best way so that people will be spiritually uplifted.

One can assume that those musicians and singers who served in the temple were carefully selected to lead the worship service. Indeed, this is one of the most important ways music can be used to glorify God.

THE WONDERS OF REDEEMING LOVE, SDAH 179

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-179-the-wonders-of-redeeming-love/>

LA SIERRA C.M.

Sacrifices were the most essential aspect of worship during the time of the temple. Several different sacrifices were used, either for the promise of forgiveness or to express the joy of fellowship and gratitude to God. Sacrifices provided the substance for worship, as they reminded the worshipers of the truth of God and who He is, and pointed to the Promised Seed, the Messiah, who would sacrifice His life for them, because He is the Lamb of God.

WORKING O CHRIST, WITH THEE SDAH 582

<https://hymnsforworship.org/sdah-582-working-o-christ-thee/>

ST. EDMUND 6.4.6.4.6.6.4.

As a church musician, it can be sometimes a thankless job, if not a 'paid' job. But this hymn serves as a reminder and encouragement:

*Savior, we weary not, working with Thee
As hard as Thine our lot, can never be;
Our joy and comfort this, "Thy grace sufficient is;"
This changes toil to bliss, Working with Thee.*

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