

CHRISTMAS

FROM **SCRATCH**

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Do you have a secret place where you can sing at the top of your lungs?

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Singing Christmas Songs, from Scratch

Luke 1 is jam-packed with spontaneous moments of praise. In verses 39-45, Mary goes to visit Elizabeth. Upon Mary's arrival Elizabeth breaks out into a moment of worship. Immediately following this in verses 46-55, Mary breaks out into beautiful praise. These are not rehearsed songs. Mary and Elizabeth had not shown up to worship practice the night before to rehearse their tag-team special for Sunday morning. They are "caught up in the moment."

Of course this is not a vouch for spontaneous worship only. To claim that worship must only be spontaneous instead of liturgical/traditional mistakenly makes spontaneity the new tradition! There is room for both. There will always be both. At any rate, the focus of this event is the worship that results from the Christmas Gift, Jesus the Messiah.

The advent of Jesus is a reason to sing. When one reflects on everything that His arrival meant, means, and will mean, how could one not sing? If God's children did not cry out, the rocks would! For this reason Paul tells the Ephesians to "...speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord..." (5.10).

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SING SONGS OF HOPE AND LOVE!

ARE YOU A SINGER? DO YOU SING SONGS TO THE LORD WHEN YOU ARE JOYFUL?

HOW DOES WORSHIP AND PRAISE BENEFIT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE? WHAT WOULD LIFE BE LIKE IF THERE WERE NO SINGING, WORSHIP, OR PRAISE?

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SPONTANEOUS MOMENTS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE? WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF LITURGY AND TRADITIONAL STYLES OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER?

WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE, REALLY, FOR YOU TO SPEAK TO OTHERS WITH PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SONGS FROM THE SPIRIT? WOULD YOU DARE DO THAT?

Please take a few moments to pray with and for one another