

(Amos 5:23)

“Take away from Me the noise of your songs; for I will not hear the melody of your harps.”

— Amos 5:23

DOES GOD DISLIKE OUR SONGS?

The answer is No! Our God delights in songs of praise. The Bible says:

“But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.”

— Psalm 22:3

So, if God delights in praise, why does He say, *“Take away from Me the noise of your songs”*?

It is because not all songs are pleasing to Him. There are songs that, though they sound beautiful to human ears, are mere noise before God.

Let us see the types of songs that become *noise* to the Lord.

1. SONGS OF HYPOCRISY

These are songs sung loudly and passionately, yet the life of the singer does not reflect what they sing. Their speech, dressing, behavior, and secret life contradict the words of the song.

When such a person stands before God to sing songs of worship—whether the song is their own or someone else's—it becomes noise before the Lord.

Such singing is sin, because God looks beyond the voice—He looks at the heart and the life behind the song.

2. SONGS WITH WORLDLY BEATS

There are songs that sound so similar to those of the world that, when someone hears them, they immediately associate them with a worldly tune they once heard elsewhere.

Songs of that kind are noise and even an abomination before God. Examples include songs that use beats from reggae, rap,

pop, taarab, or other secular styles.

The Scripture calls such music “songs of foolishness.”

“That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music, like David.”

— Amos 6:5

As believers, we should never use worldly rhythms to sing to our holy God.

3. SONGS THAT INVOLVE WORLDLY ARTISTS

Worldly artists are those who sing about and glorify the things of this present world—and the world lies under the influence of Satan.

When someone joins such artists, who are used to praising the world or the devil, and gives them lyrics to sing for God, the result is noise and defilement before the Lord.

It does not matter how beautiful the song sounds, how inspiring the lyrics are, or how often God's name is mentioned — if the singers themselves are not walking in the Spirit, that song does not bear fruit before God.

TRUE SONGS THAT PLEASE GOD

Songs that glorify God are those that carry the testimony of the Word—from the singer's own life, to the lyrics, and even the melody.

When such songs are sung, they exalt God and bless those who hear them.

A PRAYER

May the Lord help us to offer Him songs that are pure, holy, and pleasing before His throne.

May our worship rise as a sweet aroma before Him — not as noise, but as true praise from a sanctified heart.

Amen.

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