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The Gospel Truth!!
with Pat Corn

a brief message of encouragement to make your day just a little bit brighter

Theme Songs for Bible Characters

Noah: "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"

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Adam and Eve: "Strangers in Paradise"

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Lazarus: "The Second Time Around"

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Esther: "I Feel Pretty"

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Job: "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues"

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Moses: "The Wanderer"

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Jezebel: "The Lady is a Tramp"

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Samson: "Hair"

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Salome: "I Could Have Danced All Night"

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Daniel: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"

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Joshua: "Good Vibrations"

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Peter: "I'm Sorry"

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Esau: "Born To Be Wild"

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Jeremiah: "Take This Job and Shove It"

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Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendego: "Great Balls of Fire!"

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The Three Kings: "When You Wish Upon a Star"

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Jonah: "Got a Whale of a Tale"

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Elijah: "Up, Up, and Away"

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Methuselah: "Stayin' Alive"

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Nebuchadnezzar: "Crazy"

Isn't it amazing at the impact music has had on the world? Every culture ancient or modern, metropolitan or remote has some type of musical expression. Even in the most remote jungle areas of the world music abounds. It's a gift, a God-given gift that was given to the world and the universe at large to glorify God.

Music must have been very important to God for in the heavens, He created the most beautiful angel of all to be His "covering cherub", the angel who was given charge of the angelic music and the heavens; the heavenly choirmaster, if you will. He was in charge of everything that brought honor and glory to God.

This angel was physically embodied with ornamental jewels and musical instruments of both rhythmic and melodic capacities; a virtual angelic carousel. Favored above all the angels the "covering cherub" musician set a precedent that many musicians would follow over time. He decided to raise himself above the Most High. Typical musician! He wanted to be glorified above God himself. He couldn't be satisfied with the fact that he was the most beautiful and revered of all the angels. He was in charge of all that brought glory to God! He wanted all the glory for himself. Sounds pretty typical of some of the musicians I worked with over the years!!

This "covering cherub" had a pretty sizeable fan club too. As a matter of fact a third of the heavenly hosts were his groupies. However, God, being God and all, has been known to be somewhat of a jealous God and hasn't ever been a prospect for sharing His glory with anyone. So He might have sung the very first rendition of "Hit The Road Jack, And Don't Cha' Come Back No More, No More" to his favored angel and his groupies. He sent them packing! No one raises themselves above the glory of the Most High. He brought down this angel's pomp and removed him from heaven.

Now, this action didn't remove any of the talent that the covering cherub possessed or any knowledge that he had amassed concerning the heavens. He continues to operate, even today, to disrupt lives and try to steal God's glory. He tries to offer musicians and singers, in both sacred and secular music, false glory and apparent "success" in their fields of music. He offers them a degree of infamy, sometimes more money than they can spend, lascivious lives of lust for pleasure and notoriety, all to the eventual demise of their lives, careers, and, yes, ministries. He helps them to become "stars", which he knows that every star eventually crashes and burns. A star is only temporary light to a small, minute portion of the universe and, in most cases, is moving pretty fast through it soon to be forgotten they even existed. I remember when I worked hard to be a "star" in the country music field, but then I found out what a star really is....a star is a ball of gas!!

When God is glorified while no person is glorified, worship happens. When man or ministry is glorified nothing happens. It's not true worship. "It's the Sunday Show....coming to a church near you!" It is so sad that the most important thing that God desires is the most divisive thing in the church at largetrue worship. Jesus told the woman at Jacob's well that "the Father is seeking those who worship in **spirit and in truth**, for these are the **true worshipers**" (John 4). If God is having to "seek" them, then they must be few and far between! True worship comes as the natural by-product of obedience the admonition of Romans 12:1 to..."offer yourself as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing unto God, for **this is your spiritual act of worship**". Hummm??? No mention of music there?? Neither contemporary or traditional?? How odd?? And you know you went to a "worship service" last Sunday morning, because it said so..... right there in the bulletin!!

Oops! I almost forgot. Did I mention the name of that "covering cherub"??? You may have heard of him.....Lucifer!!!

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