

Sing Praises

(Psalm 9)

VERSE 1

A Bm7 D
I will praise you Lord with all of my heart
A Bm7 D
I will tell of all the things you have done
Bm7 D Bm7 D E
For the Lord reigns forever, the Lord reigns forever

VERSE 2

A Bm7 D
I will be filled with joy in my soul because of You
A Bm7 D
I will sing praise to your name, O Lord Most High
Bm7 D Bm7 D E
For the Lord reigns forever, the Lord reigns forever

CHORUS

A E Bm7 D
Sing praises to the Lord, he reigns, he reigns, he reigns
A E Bm7 D
Sing praises to the Lord, he reigns.

VERSE 3

A Bm7 D
I will praise you at the foot of your throne
A Bm7 D
I will rejoice that you have rescued me
Bm7 D Bm7 D E
For the Lord reigns forever, the Lord reigns forever

The story behind the song “Sing Praises”

In many ways, this song is a failure. If you read Psalm 9, you’ll notice that it is a Psalm of lament. If you read the lyrics of Sing Praises, you’ll notice that it is not! In fact, it’s quite a happy song.

Take a moment to look at verses 17-18 of Psalm 9. Interesting verses. How does a songwriter incorporate such sentiments (such theology indeed) into a hymn - without prompting quizzical looks from members of the congregation?

Many of my songs find their initial inspiration in the Psalms and I would love to properly reflect the breadth of a Psalm within a song. However, this song is not the one.

Instead, I took inspiration from one of the themes within the Psalm which is described quite ably by Matthew Henry’s concise commentary: *“If we would praise God acceptably, we must praise him in sincerity, with our whole heart.”*

That’s what this song is about. It recognises who God is. It remembers what God has done in our lives. It celebrates the fact that God is God. It acknowledges that God is in control of everything and that He is King.

Sing Praises is a simple re-working of Psalm 9 and I hope you enjoy it. And whilst it might not quite capture the full breadth of the Psalm 9, I hope it adequately conveys the sense of gratefulness and thankfulness that we Christians have (or should have) towards our merciful God.

And as for the lament – that’s something for me to work on!

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