



“Raise a Hallelujah” **Getting Started**

What is your favorite song right now?
Why? What is it that you enjoy?
Why is it that we sing to the songs we love?
What does it mean to “raise a hallelujah”?

In Depth

Worship music is a major aspect of a Christians walk with God. I thought it would be great to have Jonathon help us explore this idea a bit more by looking at a specific song we sing and why it is important.

(The background to this song is very powerful. I've included the link to watch so you can understand the magnitude of it... [The MIRACLE OF JAXSON](#))

Take a minute to read through the lyrics of this song.

Raise a Hallelujah

*I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me*

*I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!*

*I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery*



*I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!
I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!*

*Sing a little louder (In the presence of my enemies)
Sing a little louder (Louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder (My weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder (Heaven comes to fight for me)
Sing a little louder (In the presence of my enemies)
Sing a little louder (Louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder (My weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder (Heaven comes to fight for me)
Sing a little louder!*

*I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
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Is there anything about this song that grabs your attention or causes or is a cause for concern? How does it make you feel?

"I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies"

This first verse speaks of an invisible enemy.
Scripture often talks about the spiritual realm
Read [Ephesians 6:12](#)

"I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief"

Praise is something that helps us to combat doubts.

What are some things that you doubt:

- faith?
- that you're not a great parent?
- if your finances will not be enough?
- marriage is strong?



"I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody"

In what way is praising God a weapon?

(Music moves our emotions, declaring Gods truth builds our faith, singing together builds unity)

Read these verses:

Hebrews 10:25

Why is it important that we continue to meet together?

How is shared values in relationship with God better together?

Psalm 132:7

Richard Foster writes;

When we worship, we enter into direct contact with our all-powerful, all-loving, all-knowing heavenly Father. God's desire in worship is to draw us near to himself, fill us to overflow with his love, and wait patiently for us to love him in return. The more often we receive his love through worship, the more consistently we will love and honor him in all we do.

"I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me"

Where have you seen Gods victory lately? What has he done in your life?

(answered prayers, healed sickness, heart change)

*"I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee"*

How do you express yourself in worship?

(singing, raising hands, kneeling, dancing)

- What ways are you afraid to express yourself in worship?
- Share a time when you were most caught up in worship.
- Do you ever feel like you're holding back your hallelujah

**"I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!"**

Sometimes mystery can be equated with silence. Wondering why God seems to be silent in His answers to prayer is definitely a mystery.

What silence have you walked through that required Faith to praise?
(ie. job transition, sickness,) Was it difficult to trust God in those times?

Read Psalm 28:1

Psalm 27:14

The call to wait on God is an invitation to trust and hope. It entails believing that one day — even if today is not that day — he will make all things right.

Consider Zephaniah 3:17

*"I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!"*

The song ends with a triumphant reminder that God has defeated death. He has defeated the enemy. He is sovereign and therefore nothing passes through His hand that He doesn't know about. There is always hope that God will see us through. Scripture calls us to raise our voices to Him in declaration that He is in control.

Psalm 100:1-2

Psalm 105:1-3

Psalm 134:1-2

Three questions from Pastor Jacks message:

- What kind of legacy did your past family leave for you?
- "I believe that if all you do in your life is take the bad legacy you got growing up and change that legacy to a good one, your life is an unqualified success." Do you agree with this statement?
- What can you do to establish a legacy for your future family?

Close in Prayer

