

**=Story Behind the Psalm=  
Psalms 115**

NOTE: *These lessons are designed simply as a guideline. As a Sunday School teacher part of your job is to study the lesson and develop it for the pupils in your class according to their age and spiritual development.*

**Scripture Reference: Psalm 115**

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**The Story Behind the Psalm**

Psalm 115 was a choir number. The choir was divided into two parts, and it was sung with each part of the choir singing a portion and the leader singing a portion. One part of the choir would sing verses 1-8, the leader would sing verses 9-11, the other half of the choir would sing verses 12 and 13. The leader would sing verses 14-16 and then all would join together in singing verses 17 and 18. It was written specifically for choir use.

**The Way It Was Used by God's People**

It was used in public worship as a choir special number.

**Lesson:**

**1. Music is important for the Christian.**

It is important that the Christian does not go home and listen to rock, rap, or R&B music. The reason being is that, these style of music uses the beat to get you to sway and move your body, and it opens up your heart to other influences as well. Christian young people get influenced by the music of today's world, not only by the beat but by the words that they use. The profanity, swearing, fornication, drugs, and multiple ungodly things as well. Bad music causes rebellion.

**2. Contemporary Christian music is bad.**

There is no such thing as a liberal music in the church, now there is worldly music in the church. There is nothing wrong with *Amazing Grace* or *Near the Cross*. But there is something wrong with *Jesus Freak* and *Jesus is Mai Homie*. On the radio it says on 93.7 that it is Alaska best

Christian radio station. And the sad fact is that it is the only Christian radio station except for talk radio.

Here's the reason why contemporary Christian music is bad. It has the same philosophy and beat to get the young people to turn away from their parents and authority. A boy was telling me that before he got saved he listened to the radio and he heard a song that he really liked. But several months later he got saved and he wanted to start doing right. (not knowing about contemporary Christian music) So he listened to 93.7, thinking it'll be good music, he was horribly mistaken. And that same song that he heard was the same song as the worldly music station. So it's better just to stay away from Christian rock and rap.

### **3. Instruments are not bad, if used in the right way.**

Now don't think that the church is going liberal now. The Bible says, "I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instruments of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee."

**Memory Verse:** *I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.*

*Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.*

**Psalm 116:1-2**