WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

PSALM 149:1 SAYS, "SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG, AND HIS PRAISE IN THE ASSEMBLY OF SAINTS."

THIS PAST WEEK, A LISTENER SENT US THE MAY 31 OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL. IT SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSIC.

MUSIC IS ONE OF THOSE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE WE TAKE FOR GRANTED. YET, AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE, SINFUL MAN HAS TAKEN THIS GOOD GIFT FROM GOD AND USED IT TO SERVE EVIL PURPOSES. IN OUR DAY WE'RE ESPECIALLY AWARE OF ITS MISUSE AND OF THE SHAMEFUL LYRICS THAT SO OFTEN ARE A PART OF IT. GOOD MUSIC, HOWEVER, IS A BLESSING FROM THE LORD. IT'S A SOOTHING TONIC FOR TROUBLED HEARTS. IT CAN MOTIVATE US TO LIVE FOR CHRIST, AND THROUGH IT WE CAN LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAISE TO THE LORD. WITHOUT MUSIC, WE WOULD BE GREATLY DEPRIVED.

AN OLD JEWISH LEGEND SAYS THAT AFTER GOD HAD CREATED THE WORLD HE CALLED THE ANGELS TO HIMSELF AND ASKED THEM WHAT THEY THOUGHT OF IT. ONE OF THEM SAID, "THE ONLY THING LACKING IS THE SOUND OF PRAISE TO THE CREATOR." SO GOD CREATED MUSIC, AND IT WAS HEARD IN THE WHISPER OF THE WIND AND IN THE SONG OF THE BIRDS. HE ALSO GAVE MAN THE GIFT OF SONG. AND THROUGHOUT ALL THE AGES, MUSIC HAS BLESSED MULTITUDES OF PEOPLE.

SINGING GOD'S PRAISES HONORS THE LORD, EDIFIES OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, AND BRINGS US JOY. AS WE JOIN WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS IN SINGING, IT SHOULD BE WITH A RENEWED APPRECIATION OF MUSIC. SO LET US JOIN VOICES WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS AND LIFT OUR HEARTS IN HYMNS OF PRAISE WHENEVER WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE.

AGAIN, THAT FROM THE MAY 31 OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL AND SENT TO US BY A LISTENER. TODAY, I AM WITH 44 WRVM LISTENERS VISITING THE CREATION MUSEUM IN KENTUCKY. I'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE CREATION OF MUSIC.

I HOPE THE MUSIC SELECTONS HEARD ON WRVM ARE ONES THAT CAUSE YOU TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD. SING ALONG IF YOU KNOW THE SONG. I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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