

Our worship words matter
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“Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer”
Ps. 19:14

- I. We speak because God has spoken. (Gen. 1, John. 1)
 - A. God gave us his words carefully, so we should give them back carefully.
- II. There is no area of life that the church should not sing about. The Psalms are our guide.
 - A. Praise and Thanksgiving
 - B. Sorrow and Mourning
 - C. Danger and Defeat
 - D. Celebration and Victory
- III. If all this is true, Then we are called to take the words of our worship seriously. How do we do that?
 - A. The pastor is the worship leader.
 - B. Worship must be seen as more than the music aspect of our service.
 - C. Our prayers, scripture reading, singing, and preaching should all contribute to one another in our pursuit of worshiping God.
- IV. Some practical considerations on singing
 - A. Doctrinally sound
 - B. Lyrically excellent
 - C. Musically beautiful
 - D. Congregationally relevant
 - E. Culturally aware