

# Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a range of mountains in the background, some with snow. In the middle ground, there are several hills and a line of trees, possibly an orchard. The foreground is a field of dry, brown grass. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

**COLOSSIANS:**  
**Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**Glorifying God in Song and ALL  
Things**

**Colossians 3:16–17;**

**Ephesians 5:18–20**

**Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, [with the result that you are] teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom [wisely] in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, [by] singing with grace [gratitude] in your hearts to the Lord.**

**Col. 3:17, “And whatever [all that] you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”**

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**1 Cor. 6:20, “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”**

**1 Cor. 10:31, “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”**

**Psa. 86:9, “All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.”**

**Psa. 86:12, “I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore.”**

# GOD CREATOR

**TRUTH, BEAUTY**  
resides in the  
thinking of God

God speaks to  
everything He  
creates or He  
speaks to nothing  
He creates.

## FINITE UNIVERSE

*Matter/energy*

*Light*

*Vegetation*

*Animals*

*Man*

[who he is;

Purpose

Social

(marriage, family,

Law, politics)

Ethics

Aesthetics

(art, music, literature)]

## **Conclusion:**

**The Word of God then gives us a framework for establishing standards for excellence.**

# **Words expressing aesthetic excellence:**

**Glorious**

**Magnificent**

**Majestic**

**Splendid**

**Beautiful**

**Excellent**



## **Standards:**

- 1. The right question is not, “Is there something wrong with this music?”, but “Does this music bring glory to God?”**
- 2. Does this song reflect the creative acts of God?**

**Planning, orderly, technically excellent, promote positive morality, purposeful.**

**Does it display simplicity and complexity (unity and harmony)?**

- 3. Proportionality (symmetry, balance).**

## **Standards:**

### **4. Negatives:**

**Unstructured, difficult to sing, unplanned, simplistic, trivial or banal, trendy, mediocre.**

**Phil. 1:9, “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,**

**Phil. 1:10, “that you may approve the things that are excellent [the things that are better], that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,”**

**Phil. 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”**

**David Wells, Distinguished Research Professor at Gordon Conwell Seminary, analyzed several contemporary chorus books and traditional hymnbooks (several hundred choruses).**

**Almost 65% of all choruses had no doctrinal development or content.**

**Almost impossible to find a hymn with no doctrinal development or content.**

**(His study did not focus on the accuracy of the doctrine, only the *presence* of doctrinal development.)**

**Psa. 103:1, “Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

**Psa. 103:2, “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:**

**Psa. 103:3, “Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,**

**Psa. 103:4, “Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,**

**Psa. 103:5, “Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”**

**Psa. 103:8, “The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.**

**Psa. 103:9, “He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever.**

**Psa. 103:10, “He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.**

**Psa. 103:11, “For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;**

**Psa. 103:12, “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”**

**Psa. 103:13, “As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.**

**Psa. 103:14, “For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.**

**Psa. 103:15, “As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.**

**Psa. 103:16, “For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.**

**Psa. 103:17, “But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children,”**

# **Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psa. 103)**

**Andre Crouch version**

**“Bless the Lord, O My soul, and all that is within  
me, praise His holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O My soul, and all that is within  
me, praise His holy name.**

**He has done great things**

**He has done great things**

**He has done great things**

**Bless His holy name.”**



**Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psa. 103)**  
**Myron Butler version**

**“Bless the Lord  
Oh my soul  
And all that is within me (2×)**

**I will bless Your name (4×)**

**Bless the Lord Oh my soul” (4×)**

**Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psa. 103)**  
**Myron Butler version**

**“Bless the Lord  
Oh my soul  
And all that is within me (2×)**

**I will bless Your name (4×)**

**Bless the Lord Oh my soul (4×)**

**For You are Holy (Holy)**

**Mighty (Mighty)**

**Righteous (Righteous)**

**Worthy (Worthy)**

**Bless the Lord**

**Oh my soul”**

**Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psa. 103)  
Matt Redmond version**

**“Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I’ll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it’s a new day  
dawning  
It’s time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies  
before me  
Let me be singing when the evening  
comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I’ll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I’ll worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul”  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**Jesus, I’ll worship Your holy name  
Lord, I’ll worship Your holy name.”**

**Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psa. 104)  
Sergey Rachmaninoff version**

**“Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
Blessed art Thou, O Lord.  
O Lord my God, Thou art very great.  
Blessed art Thou, O Lord.  
Thou are clothed with honor and majesty.  
Blessed art Thou, O Lord.  
The waters stand upon the mountains.  
Marvelous are Thy works, O Lord  
The waters flow between the hills.  
Marvelous are Thy works, O Lord.  
In wisdom hast Thou made all things.  
Glory to Thee, O Lord, who hast created all!”**

- 1. The lyrics reinforce and express sound biblical truth.**
- 2. The lyrics must follow the principles of superb poetry.**
- 3. The message of the music of previous generations connects us to others in the body of Christ who preceded us, prevents us from being overly impressed with the present generation, reminds us of our heritage, history, and doctrinal distinctives.**
- 4. Wonderful, beautiful music elevates our own appreciation for music.**

- 5. The timeless hymns help develop an atmosphere of majesty, splendor and beauty to our worship.**
- 6. The enduring hymns deepen and enhance our spiritual lives.**
- 7. What we sing should elevate our thoughts toward God, His person, His work, His gracious provision for us, rather than elevate our emotions.**