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**Ps. 40:3, “He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in Him.”**

The Hebrew word for *put a new song* is **tehillah** which means *a praise that God inhabits*. When we praise the LORD, He literally indwells and abides in us. Praise is a powerful movement that actually allows God to be exalted in our spirit and draws us closer into His presence. **Ps. 22:3, “But You are holy, O You that inhabits the praise of His people.”**

Now this is not some magical chant or summons that we can orchestrate God to have to fulfill our wishes; not at all! But it is a call for us to desire the presence and empowerment of the Holy Spirit as we worship our LORD. I love the song written by **Elliott Bannister** and **Michael Vincent Hudson** –

*Praise The Lord; recorded by the Imperials: When you're up against a struggle that shatters all your dreams, And your hopes have been cruelly crushed by Satan's manifested schemes, And you feel the urge within you to submit to earthly fears, Don't let the faith you're standing in, seem to disappear*

*Chorus: Praise the LORD, He can work through those who praise Him; Praise the LORD, for our God inhabits praise; Praise the LORD, for the chains that seem to bind you, serve only to remind you, that they drop powerless behind you when you praise Him.*

**Dear LORD, You have put a new song in our mouths and a hymn of praise to You our God. Inhabit the praises of Your people as we abide in You, In Jesus Name, Amen**