



WOW: Word Of the Week

Singing
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Singing! This week's WOW is not about our songs. I want to think with you about God's songs. Each week I look for a word—but a better title today would be "When God Sings."

Why does God sing? What causes God to sing? A little-read Old Testament prophet, in a largely unknown book, answers. "The LORD your God is in your midst, the mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you; he will quiet you by his love; rejoicing over you with loud singing" (Zeph. 3:17). God breaks into song to express his great joy. He rejoices over his people with singing.

In the context, we learn that God rejoices when his people rejoice, when he is welcomed into their midst, when his people walk fearlessly. God rejoices when his people believe his promises that he will be present and save. God delights in humble obedience. He promises calm in the storms of life.

The words to a song arrangement by ZOE singers, with words and music by Scott Wesley Brown and David Hampton, say in part, *"If you could only hear his voice, You would hear the Lord rejoice, Rejoicing over you with singing."*

What could be different for us this week?

- We could listen more closely, seeking to hear the Lord's voice singing with rejoicing as he watches us and watches over us.
- We could imitate the Lord by singing joyfully in our daily lives.
- We could trust his salvation more fully, knowing that God is rejoicing and singing about us. Should we not in turn sing about him?
- We could find calm and tranquility in the simple contemplation of God's love.

I am sure you can add to this short list. I encourage you to learn Zeph. 3:17. Make it yours. Listen to God's jubilant singing as he rejoices in your faithful journey. Look for reasons to sing—and sing! As you sing to God, he is singing back to you!

You can find the Zoe singers version of the song, He Will Rejoice Over You, on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvsllklciww>