

## Did You Sin When You Sang?

Scripture Text: James 4:17

We are not talking about using mechanical instruments in worship; Scripture clearly does not authorize such use, Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16.

We are instructed to “buy the truth” – Proverbs 23:23.

We know that lying is a sin – Proverbs 6:16-19.

If you say something and not mean it, that makes what you told a lie. When we sing, we are saying words to a tune. Let us sing three songs and then examine them to see if we sang a lie.

### **1. I Am Resolved # 255**

#### A. Definitions

1. Resolved: firmly determined to do something; synonym of “set on”
2. Linger: stay in place longer than necessary because of a reluctance to leave
3. Allured: powerfully attract or charm
4. Leaving: go away from, depart from permanently
5. Heed: pay attention to; take notice of
6. Hasten: be quick to do something, more or travel hurriedly

#### B. To what should we resolve?

1. Become a Christian – Hear (Rom. 10:17), Believe (John 8:24), Repent (Luke 13:3), Confess (Matthew 10:32-33), Be Baptized (Mark 16:16).
2. Remain faithful (Matthew 10:22, Rev. 2:10)
3. Grow as a Christian (2 Pet. 3:18)
4. Faithfully worship (Singing, Praying, Partaking, Giving, Preaching)
5. Walk with the Savior – 1 John 1:7

#### C. Are you really resolved? If you are, act today without delay!

### **2. Oh, How I Love Jesus #473**

#### A. Love in the Bible

1. Eros – sensual or romantic; where we get erotic. Pr. 5:18-19, Song of Solomon

2. Storge – familial. In Greek, appears in Rom. 12:10; like the love Noah had for his wife and family; like Jacob had for his sons; like the love Mary and Martha had for Lazarus.
  3. Philia – brotherly love that unites believer. John 13:35
  4. Agape – God’s love for mankind, sacrificial, seeking the other’s best interest. John 3:16
- B. The entire Bible is the greatest love story ever told.
1. From the beginning through the Patriarchal Age, God showed His love through His creation and protection (roughly 4004BC to 1450BC).
  2. This love continued throughout the time the Law of Moses was in effect (1450BC to 30AD roughly).
  3. This love culminated in the death of Jesus on the cross (30AD).
  4. This love continues and remains for us today (30AD to present).
- C. Do you really love Jesus? If so, what are you doing about it? *“They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love”*

### **3. Seeking the Lost #571**

- A. How things get lost:
1. On purpose – we “forget” about things when it is convenient; some people purposefully “get lost” in the world.
  2. On accident: we can lose something be honestly forgetting where we put it; Christians can lose their zeal and over time the fire dies.
  3. Slowly over time: we must be careful – Hebrews 2:1 “lest we let them slip”
- B. Luke 15:3-7 – 100 sheep
1. The story is different if you are part of the 99 or if you are the 1.
  2. Be thankful, because to Christ, you were/are the 1. Will you return the favor?
- C. Are you really seeking the lost? Look around you! The world is lost!! Matt. 7:13-14

You may be able to fool those sitting around you – but God cannot be fooled!

Mean what you sing – and live as a Christian today!

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