/THE TRUTH IN SONG

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Hi there!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church based in Mesa, AZ...my name is Pastor Rory Clark.

Songs do a great job of communicating the truth of the Word of God. Here at Barah Ministries, we are blessed to have one of the best songwriters, best singers, and best music producers, all wrapped up in a single package. Her name is June Murphy, and her songs are amazing at communicating the truth of the Word of God.

Today you'll be listening to a song from her second album...the *Come See a Man* album...the song is WORTHY.

/TODAY'S SONG Worthy\

You've probably heard the term "SELF-ESTEEM" used a few times in your lifetime...you've probably even used the term yourself. At the very least, it's something you *think* you would want to have. What is self-esteem?

/SELF ESTEEM

In sociology and psychology, it is a person's subjective, and often emotional evaluation of his own worth. It is a person's evaluation of self as well as a person's attitude toward self. \langle

The apostle Paul evaluated himself this way in Romans, Chapter 7, Verse 15...

/ROMANS 7:15

For what I am doing, I do not understand ... for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.\

And as a result of this evaluation, Paul came to this conclusion in Romans, Chapter 7, Verse 21...

/ROMANS 7:21 *I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.*\

It's tough to have self-esteem when you know that evil is present in you. Unfortunately, Paul is describing all of us. Evil is present in us, even when we may want to be able to do good. And when you have no self-esteem, you often feel unworthy and unholy and you feel like a disappointment to God.

Well are you worthy? Are you holy? I don't know about you, but even though I am a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, most of the time I feel neither worthy nor holy. So then I go to the Word of God, the bible, to learn the truth...to get a bit of comfort...and here's what it says in First Samuel, Chapter 2, Verse 2...

/FIRST SAMUEL 2:2 "There is NO ONE HOLY like the Lord..."\

Okay so I'm not holy! Then in Romans, Chapter 3, Verses 10 and 11, it says...

/ROMAN 3:10

...it is written, "There is no creature who is righteous, not even one..."

/ROMAN 3:11

"There is no creature who understands God...there is no creature who seeks a relationship with God..."

Okay so I'm not righteous either! I don't do the things I ought to do...in fact I practice doing the wrong things...evil is present in me...I don't understand God...I don't seek a relationship with God. But then in other places in the Word of God, I see a different story...like in First Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 15...I see us being held to a standard of holiness...

/FIRST PETER 1:15

...but like the Holy One who called you to salvation, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior... $\$

We're asked to be holy, yet we still feel much like the centurion in Matthew, Chapter 8, Verse 8...

/MATTHEW 8:8

But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed."

So as humans, are we ever holy? Are we ever worthy? Are we ever righteous?

/MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Enjoy the Singing of The Lord's Praises

WORTHY

June Murphy

Here's June Murphy to tell us about our worth, and about the source of our worth, as she sings her song...WORTHY.

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Christ is worthy My worth is and will ever be In my identity With the Lord Jesus Christ For He alone is worthy\

/WORTHY

In Christ I'm worthy In Christ alone Is where my worth is, you see\

/WORTHY

He's part of the Trinity

That's indwelling me Jesus Christ is worthy\

/WORTHY

The only good thing that is in me Is the presence of the Godhead in me I am nothing apart from Christ He is my life The way, the truth, the light\

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/WORTHY

Christ is worthy of all honor He is worthy of all praise Christ is glory He's magnificence I will lift up his name\

/WORTHY

The Lamb that was slain I will forever proclaim The excellence of Him Who died and rose again

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June Murphy clears up the confusion with this beautiful and instructive song concerning our worth. Psalm 18, Verse 3 says...

/PSALM 18:3 *I call upon the Lord, who is WORTHY to be praised, and I am saved by Him from my enemies.*\

If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ...you are holy and you are worthy and you are righteous...and all of this worth comes from Your permanent union with the Lord Jesus Christ at the moment of your salvation. Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verses 17 says...

/SECOND CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in union with Christ, and all believers in Christ are, that person is made by God into a new creature...the old things passed away...behold, new things have come. \langle

At the moment of salvation all of His believers are IN CHRIST...and because God the Father allows us to be union with His Son, that union makes us holy and blameless and absolutely righteous in the eyes of God...thus He makes us worthy! Thank you God for this wonderful gift...God-worth not self-worth.

Psalm 95, Verse 1 says...

/PSALM 95:1 O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord... Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.\

We dedicate the closing moments of our lesson today to anyone watching or to anyone listening who no longer wants to live under the slavery and the rulership of God's enemy, Satan...we point you to the chance to have a relationship with the One and Only God...a God who loves you unconditionally... the Holy One...the Worthy One...the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 21 says...

/ACTS 2:21 'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. '\

Right now, you can call on the name of the Lord by telling God the Father that you believe in His Son, and that's the moment of eternal life for you. That's the moment when you are worthy. Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ is the best and most important decision you can make in your lifetime. A simple five-word request gets you to heaven..."Father, I believe in Christ." For a thief being crucified next to Jesus, it was a nine word request...Luke, Chapter 23, Verses 42 and 43...

/LUKE 23:42-43

And the repentant thief was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!"//And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Let today be the day you stop putting off the best decision of your life. You won't ever regret believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and counting on Him to accomplish your salvation. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ...and you will be saved...then, get to know Him...grow...within the sphere of His grace...in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In John, Chapter 3, Verse 36, the Lord Himself says...

/JOHN 3:36

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life (the resurrection life) right at that moment...but he who does not obey the command to believe in the Son will not see the resurrection life, but the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him."

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved!

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Keep on singing. I'm Pastor Rory Clark.

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