

“Sound”

Like many of you, the first two weeks of February I found myself enclosed in the house because of inclement weather. After watching TV, reading books, shoveling the snow (repeatedly), doing daily chores, and unable to go anywhere, my mind turned to the subject of God’s wonderful gift to us of sound.

If Saint John said, “In the beginning there was the word”, perhaps could one also say, “In the beginning there was sound”?? We all know Saint John meant that the Word was Jesus and Jesus was with God at the very beginning.

However, let us explore this concept of sound. Medical science and the incredible technology that is in existence today has shown us that the ear comes to life and is totally developed in the fetus on the forty-fifth day of the pregnancy; this is of course assuming the pregnancy is healthy and normal. Our eyes are not fully developed until seven-and-a-half-months later. WOW!!! But in our society, after the birth of the baby, the ear is often neglected and the attention is focused almost exclusively on the eye. Hence, we live in a primarily visual society.

All sounds are ephemeral-“short lived”. When once sound, (music, speech, etc..) stops, it evaporates into silence. Sound has a permanent, constant and unavoidable relationship to silence. Unless sound is sustained, it is driven into silence. A musician who produces a sound literally brings it into this physical world. Furthermore, unless the musician provides extra or added energy, the sound dies. This is the lifespan of a note or sound-it is finite. Sounds or musical notes are born out of nothing/silence, they are sustained for a period of time, then cease to exist and die back into silence.

I know that this sounds pretty deep, and looking outside at the snow, it is pretty deep. In this respect music and sound are mirrors of life because both start and end in nothing.

However, this is the main point which continually brings me hope, excitement, and great peace; although our lives will cease one day , we instantly will be present with the Lord in paradise..... 2nd Corinthians 5:6-8 states “Believers who have died are absent from the body, but at home with the Lord”.

This causes me to create ubiquitous sounds of music, words, and motions to “Hallelujah, Hallelujah’, Praise God” !!!!!