

A note from Natalie

The words practically leaped off the page at me! I had been trying to figure out what I could do for my students after the first of the year that would be exciting and different; something that would be motivating and yet would help them learn and improve their music skills. As I read Psalm 32 before going to bed one night, I was struck by verses 6 and 7: “For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.”

Through these verses, the Lord impressed upon my heart the awareness that there is a time coming when there will be “floods of great waters” coming against each of us. Ultimately there will come a day when this whole world will come under the judgment of God. All who have never given their lives over to the Lord Jesus Christ will perish. The only way we will survive is if we have faith in the Lord and are delivered by Him. (“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9)

The words from verse 7, “thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance” were the inspiration for The Psalms Project. At the first lesson of the year, I gave each student a worksheet and the opportunity to select one or more verses from the book of Psalms in the Bible and work through a process of completing a composition that would support the words of the verse. Each composition was required to be singable, but could also include a piano accompaniment. Every composition that was submitted is included in this book.

I hope that you will enjoy singing and playing these Psalms and that they will etch the words of God upon your heart and mind for many years to come!

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