

Psalm 98:5-6 (NLT2)

Sing your praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song, with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn. Make a joyful symphony before the LORD, the King!

If you have ever been to a symphony concert or even seen it on TV or in a movie, you hear at the beginning, all the musicians warming up all at the same time, and it sounds chaotic. When we hear that we wonder, “*How can anything beautiful come out of this chaos?*” But then the conductor walks up to the podium, and it all stops, as there is silence with all the musicians fixing their eyes on the Conductor, but not just the musicians, but also all those in the audience as well. Then, suddenly, the Conductor lifts both his hands, with one hand holding the baton, then he starts to move his hands and arms around and out of the chaos, out of the silence, comes this beautiful music.

I am part of the worship team at the church I go to, and sometimes during practice, we all get up there, doing our own thing to get warmed up with our instruments, the voices, and the worship Leader talking to those on the soundboard, and it can sound chaotic sometimes. But those who hear us on Sunday morning have no idea all that we went through to bring beautiful songs and music for them to sing to the Lord.

Even in life, we see Christians and think that they have it all together, not realizing all that they have been through and the chaos they experienced over their lifetime. All we see is the results of what God has been doing in their life up to this point. I'm sure that you can relate, because we have all experienced chaos in our lives over the years, and some of you may be going through what seems to be chaotic situations right now. But in the end, God will bring all that chaos together and turn it into something beautiful, like a symphony or a sculpture or a painting, or even a song, because He makes all things beautiful in His time!

† **Philippians 4:8-9 (MSG)** *Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.*

† **Isaiah 45:18 (NLT2)** *For the LORD is God, and he created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. He made the world to be lived in, not to be a place of empty chaos. “I am the LORD,” he says, “and there is no other.*

† **Isaiah 61:3** *“To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”*