

**A PRAGMATICS ANALYSIS ON THE TITLES OF ENGLISH
CHURCH SONG LYRICS**



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

In religion language, and more specific in Christian, language can be applied into specific use, for example church song or hymn that is used in praying function. Church songs are actually a specific application of language that is used by the prayers to show many intentions inside, generally done by the speakers/prayers to the God. In church song, language is applied in many meanings that state the believing of prayers to the God about many intentions. For example, praising, there are many church songs contain the intentions of praising that the prayers in the church use the songs for praise the God.

In the title of church songs, there are many intentions that want to be conveyed to God by the song creators who they are the Christian prayers by the songs. The intentions of the title of the songs are expressed indirectly by using many kinds expressions. For example, the creators of the songs want to praise, apologize, beg, surrender, etc to God by the song that in small scope can be show by the title. Beside that, the creators of the songs want to invite the other prayer of same religious to follow them to pray to God by the song. For example, in an utterance on the title of song bellow:

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN NOW IS NEAR

*The Great Physician now is near, the sympathizing
Jesus, He speaks the drooping heart to cheer
O hear the voice of Jesus*

Chorus:

*Sweetest note in seraph song, sweetest name on mortal
tongue, sweetest carol ever sung, Jesus blessed Jesus*

*And when He comes to bring the crown, the crown of life
and glory, then by His side we will sit down And tell
redemption story*

From the utterance generally can be inferred as a declarative sentence. The speaker says that the great physician now is near. It can be inferred generally that the great physician who is a person who is good in health wise now is near. However, if it is viewed from the Christian context, it has difference meaning, it just can be inferred by pragmatics study. The great physician here exactly is God (Jesus), as be shown in the song lyric, is the sympathizing Jesus, who is speaks the dropping heart to cheer. The utterance has a meaning that Jesus, the great physician, a person who can recover all the believers or prayers from hurts, not only of physic hurts but also of soul hurts, now is near. From the examples can be identified that generally the speaker of the utterances are the speakers/prayers themselves (songs creators) and the addressee is God. There are other utterances which have implicit meanings and to understand the meaning pragmatics theories are needed.

From the background study above, the writer tries to analyze English church song lyrics by pragmatics study and gives the title of his research *A Pragmatics Analysis on the Titles of English Church Song Lyrics*.

B. Previous Study

The writer refers to two previous researchers that have related problem with this study. They are Pratiwi (UMS, 2007) and Sugiyanti (UMS, 2007).

Pratiwi (UMS, 2007) in her research entitled *A Pragmatics Study on Clothes Advertisement Slogans in Aneka Magazine Issued in January-September 2006*. The result of her research is identifying of the syntactical forms of phrases from clothes advertisement slogans and describing the pragmatics meanings by speech act theory. Here, just phrases of clothes advertisements slogans which are analyzed by the writer.

The next research was conducted by Sugiyanti (UMS, 2007) in her research entitled *A Pragmatics Analysis on Forbidden Utterance in English Translation of Al-Qur'an*. She just focused analyzed on the linguistics forms of the forbidden utterances in English translation of Al-Qur'an. She also analyzed the pragmatics meanings of the forbidden utterances of English translation of Al-Qur'an by speech act theory.

Based on those previous researches above, the writer tries to make different research which relates to pragmatics study by describing the

intentions of the titles of English church song lyrics and identifies the linguistics forms of the utterances.

C. Focus of the Study

Based on the background of the study above, the writer formulates the problem of the study as follows:

1. What are the linguistic forms of the titles of English church song lyrics?
2. What are the intentions of the titles of English church song lyrics analyzed by speech act theory?

D. Limitation of the Study

In this study, the writer focuses to describe the intention on the titles of English church song lyrics by using speech act theory. Beside that, the writer tries to identify the linguistic forms of the titles of English church song lyrics from the selecting English church song lyrics.

E. Objective of the Study

Based on the problem statement mentioned above, the writer has the following objectives:

1. To identify the linguistic forms of the titles of English church song lyrics.
2. To describe the intentions of the titles of English church song lyrics by speech act theory.

F. Benefit of the Study

The writer really hopes that his research of the intention of the titles of English church song lyrics has some benefits. The benefits of this study will be distinguished into two benefits:

1. Academic Benefit

- a. This research will be used as an academic reference by other researcher to conduct further research dealing with the intentions of the titles of English church song lyrics.
- b. This research is to fill the vacancy of pragmatics research about church song lyrics.

2. Practical Benefit

- a. The readers know the intentions on the titles of English church song lyrics.
- b. This study will provide a solution in pragmatics study particularly on speech act theory that is used in the intentions of the titles of English church song lyrics.

G. Research Paper Organization

The writer is going to organize this research in order to make easier to understand. This research is divided into five chapters:

Chapter I is introduction of research. In this chapter the writer divides into six items, they are: background of the study, previous study, focus of the study, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, and paper organization.

Chapter II is underlying theory. It consists of pragmatics theory, speech act theory, linguistics forms, and religious language.

Chapter III is research method. It consists of type of the research, object of the research, data and data source, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

Chapter IV is analysis and discussion.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.