

“SINGING”

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Nowhere does the Bible teach that we must have a special voice quality or a voice that is pleasing to the ears of other men. This is not one of the qualifications to sing and please God.
- B. Some of us may not sound great. However, singing TRUTH from the heart pleases God!
- C. Music can be defined as “an act of expressing ideas or truth by melodic sound.”
- D. There are but three kinds of music:
 - 1. Vocal: From the mouth. It could be whistling, humming, singing, etc.
 - 2. Instrumental: Some man-made device for music making.
 - 3. A combination of vocal and instrumental: Playing and singing together.
- E. When we carefully look at the New Testament, we can see which is authorized by God.

I. WHAT DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT TEACH CONCERNING MUSIC?

- A. **Ephesians 5:19** “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”
- B. **Colossians 3:16** “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”
- C. **Matthew 26:30** (when they had *sung* an hymn).
- D. **Acts 16:25** (*sang* praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.).
- E. **Romans 15:9** (*sing* unto thy name).
- F. **1 Corinthians 14:15** (“I will *sing* with the spirit, and I will *sing* with the understanding also”)
- G. **Hebrews 2:12** “... in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.”
- H. SINGING is commanded, not whistling, humming, or other vocal ability.

II. WHAT ABOUT THE INSTRUMENT TO ACCOMPANY SINGING?

- A. **Romans 10:17.**
 - 1. The Christian must “walk by faith.” That means he does WHAT THE BIBLE teaches.
 - 2. From where does one get faith?
 - 3. The New Testament does not teach the use of instrumental music so one cannot be walking by faith if he is using anything in worship which is not found in the WORD.
- B. If authority is not found in the Bible, from where does it come?

III. THE PURPOSE OF SINGING.

- A. Teach and admonish (**Colossians 3:16**).
- B. Express happiness (**James 5:13**).
- C. Fellowship and edification (**Ephesians 5:19**).

IV. POSITIVE COMMANDS CONCERNING WHAT WE SING.

- A. Speaking the truth in love (**Ephesians 4:15**).
- B. **Ephesians 5:19** and **Colossians 3:16** show that we are to teach truth as we sing.
- C. What kind of songs?

1. Psalms; Hymns; and Spiritual Songs.
2. These are sacred songs or poems which are sung. They will always teach truth!

V. THE MANNER IN WHICH WE ARE TO SING.

- A. We are not to add to or take away from God's word (**Revelation 22:18-19; Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32**).
- B. We are not to substitute something else for what God gives (**Galatians 1:6-9**).
- C. It violates these principles:
 1. Must walk by faith! One is not walking by faith if he adds his own plan (**Romans 10:17; 2 Corinthians 5:7**).
 2. Adding mechanical instruments violates God's specific command to sing.
 3. It violates the *Law of Exclusion*.
 - 1) What is not included is excluded.
 - 2) **Genesis 6:14** "Make thee an ark of gopher wood..."
 4. We must sing with the spirit and the understanding (**1 Corinthians 14:15**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. God's people have been authorized to sing praises to Him.
- B. God selected singing as the music to be used. This selection was not man's doing; therefore, man cannot "add to or take from...." SO LET US FOLLOW THE PLAN FROM GOD, AND LEAVE MAN'S WAY ALONE!

QUESTIONS FROM LESSON NINE:

1. What are the ways that we can make music?
2. The New Testament teaches that we are to use a specific kind of vocal. Which?
3. Is just any kind of vocal music acceptable? Why?
4. What does the Bible authorize in the area of music for worship?
5. Why is the instrument not authorized?
6. What is to be accomplished by singing?
7. Does it matter what kind of songs we use in worship? Which are to be used?
8. Why is the instrument used in so-called "worship"?

