



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP?

Because Christians are & live under the New Testament (NT).., our authority for worship etc., must be found in the NT. Nowhere in the New Testament do we find any example or command for musical instruments to be used in worship. All NT Commands precisely specify "Singing":



- Ephesians 5:19
"speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"
- 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."
- Hebrews 13:15
"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."
- Hebrews 2:12
"I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."
- 1 Corinthians 14:15
"What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding."

Now, the Only way we can get a musical instrument in Worship is to Add to GOD's word which we are commanded Not to do!

Bear in mind, the issue is Not what "I Like" but what pleases God according to His Word!

Worship must be accepted by God., "*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him MUST worship in Spirit and Truth.*" - John 4:24

"Truth" is according to God's word. Whatever we do in worship we must have authority for it in Scripture. (Col 3:17)

You can't run to the Old Law or Old Testament to find Authority in Scripture for what's practiced in the Church under the New Testament or Covenant.

With regard to the Old Testament, the bible emphatically declares that we are No Longer under Old Testament Law:

- We are No Longer under law -- Romans 6:14
- We are dead to the law -- Romans 7:4
- We are delivered from the law -- Romans 7:6
- We are not justified by the law -- Galatians 2:16
- Christ is the end of the law -- Romans 10:4



Now we "Learn" from those things written in the Old Testament (Romans 15:4) -- we learn of the nature of God, the creation of the world, the nature of man, the unfolding of God's plan for bringing the Savior into the World etc., but we Don't "Live" according to the laws under the Old Testament., this is why we don't offer animal sacrifices or have a temple -- the Christian today is the spiritual temple of God (I Cor 3:16-17 / 6:19) and the acceptable sacrifice for sins today is the blood of Jesus Christ one time, for all time (Heb 7:25-27 / 10:4).

Now bear in mind, there's nothing wrong with gospel music in general., many are inspired by it daily., but in Worship Service, GOD has specifically ordained, "Singing" and the instrument to be used is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to GOD!!!

