

Music in Worship

Introduction

- A. Probably nothing is more unique to the assemblies of churches of Christ nor causes more questions from visitors than the absence of instrumental music from the worship.
 - B. The popular attitude of the day is “It makes no difference how one worships; after all, we all worship the same God.”
 - C. Is the use of instrumental music in worship acceptable to God?
- I. Does it make any difference how one worships God?
- A. Old Testament Examples - cf. Romans 15:4
 - 1. Cain & Abel - Genesis 4:3-5; cf. Hebrews 11:4; Romans 10:17
 - 2. Nadab & Abihu - Leviticus 10:1-3
 - 3. Uzziah - 2 Chronicles 26:3-4,16-21; cf. Numbers 18:1-7; Hebrews 7:14
 - 4. Scribes & Pharisees - Matthew 15:7-9
 - B. New Testament Principle of Acceptable Worship - John 4:19-24; cf. Romans 12:11; John 17:17
- II. Does the Old Testament use of instrumental music in worship justify its use today?
- A. Instrumental music was acceptable under the Old Testament. 2 Chronicles 29:25
 - B. But we cannot justify our practices by the Old Testament. Galatians 5:1-4
 - C. The Book of Psalms is part of the Old Testament. - John 10:34; cf. Psalm 8:6
- III. What kind of music has God authorized in New Testament worship?
- A. Matthew 26:30
 - B. Mark 14:26
 - C. Acts 16:25
 - D. Romans 15:9
 - E. 1 Corinthians 14:15
 - F. Ephesians 5:18-19
 - G. Colossians 3:16
 - H. Hebrews 2:12
 - I. James 5:13
- Conclusion:
- A. Yes, it does make a difference how one worships God.
 - B. The only music in worship God will accept is singing.