

## Music in Worship

### II

Text: Ephesians 5:18-19

Introduction:

A. Tell the story of why the instrument of music was first introduced into the worship in Midway, Kentucky.- "The introduction of the instrument owed its inception to the deplorable singing the congregation did. The singing had degenerated into screeching and brawling that would, as Pinkerton said, 'scare even the rats from worship.'" (Earl I. West, **The Search For The Ancient Order**. 1:311)

B. Is our worship in music what it should be?

What is the New Testament pattern for worshiping God in music?

I. the pattern discovered:

A. Matthew 26:30- "sung a hymn"

B. Mark 14:26- "sung a hymn"

C. Acts 16:25- "sang praises"

D. Romans 15:9- "sing unto thy name"

E. 1 Corinthians 14:15

1. "sing with the spirit"

2. "sing with the understanding"

F. Ephesians 5:18-19

1. "speaking to yourselves in psalms"

2. "hymns"

3. "spiritual songs"

4. "singing"

5. "making melody in your heart"

G. Colossians 3:16

1. "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms"

2. "hymns"

3. "spiritual songs"

4. "singing"

H. Hebrews 2:12- "I sing praise"

I. James 5:13- "sing psalms"

## II. the pattern studied (according to the words used):

### A. "Sing"

#### 1. "humneo"

- a. usages- Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26; Acts 16:25; Hebrews 2:12
- b. meaning- a verb form of the noun "humnos", meaning "a song of praise addressed to God. .."(Vine. 2:241; so Thayer. 637).

#### 2. "psallo"

- a. usages- Romans 15:9; I Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19 ("making melody"); James 5:13
- b. meaning:
  - (1) "... primarily to twitch, twang, then, to play a stringed instrument with the fingers, and hence, in the Sept., to sing with a harp, sing psalms, denotes, in the N.T., to sing a hymn, sing praise..."(Vine. 3:58)
  - (2) "a. to pluck off, pull out... the hair... b. to cause to vibrate by touching, to twang..., to touch or strike the chord, to twang the strings of a musical instrument so that they gently vibrate ... to play on a stringed instrument, to play the harp ... to sing to the music of the harp; in the N.T. to sing a hymn, to celebrate the praises of God in song. .."(Thayer. 675).

#### c. Does the word imply the use of an instrument?

- (1) Words change their meanings. - e.g. pluck hair as worship
- (2) The instrument is specified. - Ephesians 5:19
- (3) All were to do it.- Ephesians 5:19
- (4) No standard translation includes the instrument.

#### 3. "ado"

- a. usages- Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16b. meaning:
  - (1) "... is used always of praise to God. .."(Vine. 4:35).
  - (2) "... to sing, chant ... to the praise of any one..."(Thayer. 13).

### B. "Psalms": "psalmois"

1. usages- Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
2. meaning- "... a striking, twanging ... spec. a striking the chords of a musical instrument ...; hence a pious song. .."(Thayer. 675).
3. Does the word imply the use of an instrument?
  - a. Psalms were spoken.- Luke 20:42-43; Ephesians 5:19
  - b. Psalms were written.- Luke 24:44
  - c. Psalms were for "teaching and admonishing."- Colossians 3:16 ("grace in your hearts; not a fiddle under your chin")

### C. "Hymns ": "humnos"

1. usages- Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
2. meaning- "... denotes a song of praise addressed to God. .."(Vine. 2:241).

D. "Spiritual Songs": "ode pneumatikos"

1. usages- Ephesians ~TT9; Colossians 3:16
2. meaning: "... 'spiritual songs' are songs of which the burden is the things revealed by the Spirit. .."(Vine. 4:65).

III. the pattern applied: - John 4:23-24

A. type of music:

1. vocal specified- Ephesians 5:18-19
2. instrumental eliminated

B. type of song:

1. "psalms," hymns," "spiritual songs" specified- Ephesians 5:18-19
2. secular songs eliminated

C. purposes:

1. specified:
  - a. toward God: praise - Acts 16:25; Hebrews 2:12
  - b. toward man: teaching - Colossians 3:16
2. entertainment eliminated- Romans 8:5

D. participants:

1. congregation specified- Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
2. choruses, groups and solos eliminated

Conclusion:

- A. Let us strive to make our worship in music pleasing unto God in every way, so that He will be glorified and we will be edified.
- B. Are you doing your part?