



*Is The Church of  
CHRIST A  
Biblical Church?*

**The  
Principle of  
Submission**

*“Worshipping God By Faith”  
The NT Pattern  
For Music*



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## WALKING BY FAITH

- ◆ Only Two Possible Sources For All We Believe, Teach & Practice - Heaven? or Men? - Mat 21:25-26
- ◆ God's SILENCE MUST Be Respected - (Faith comes by what God says, not by what He hasn't said) - Rom 10:17
- ◆ Walking by faith means walking by what God has said - 2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9





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## THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE

### ♦ ORGANIZATION OF A LOCAL CHURCH

- \* Christ the head
- \* Elders (bishops, pastors)
- \* Deacons to serve
- \* Evangelist, teachers & saints

### ♦ WORSHIP OF A LOCAL CHURCH

- \* The Lord's Supper
- \* Giving To The Lord's Work
- \* Praying Together
- \* Teaching God's Word



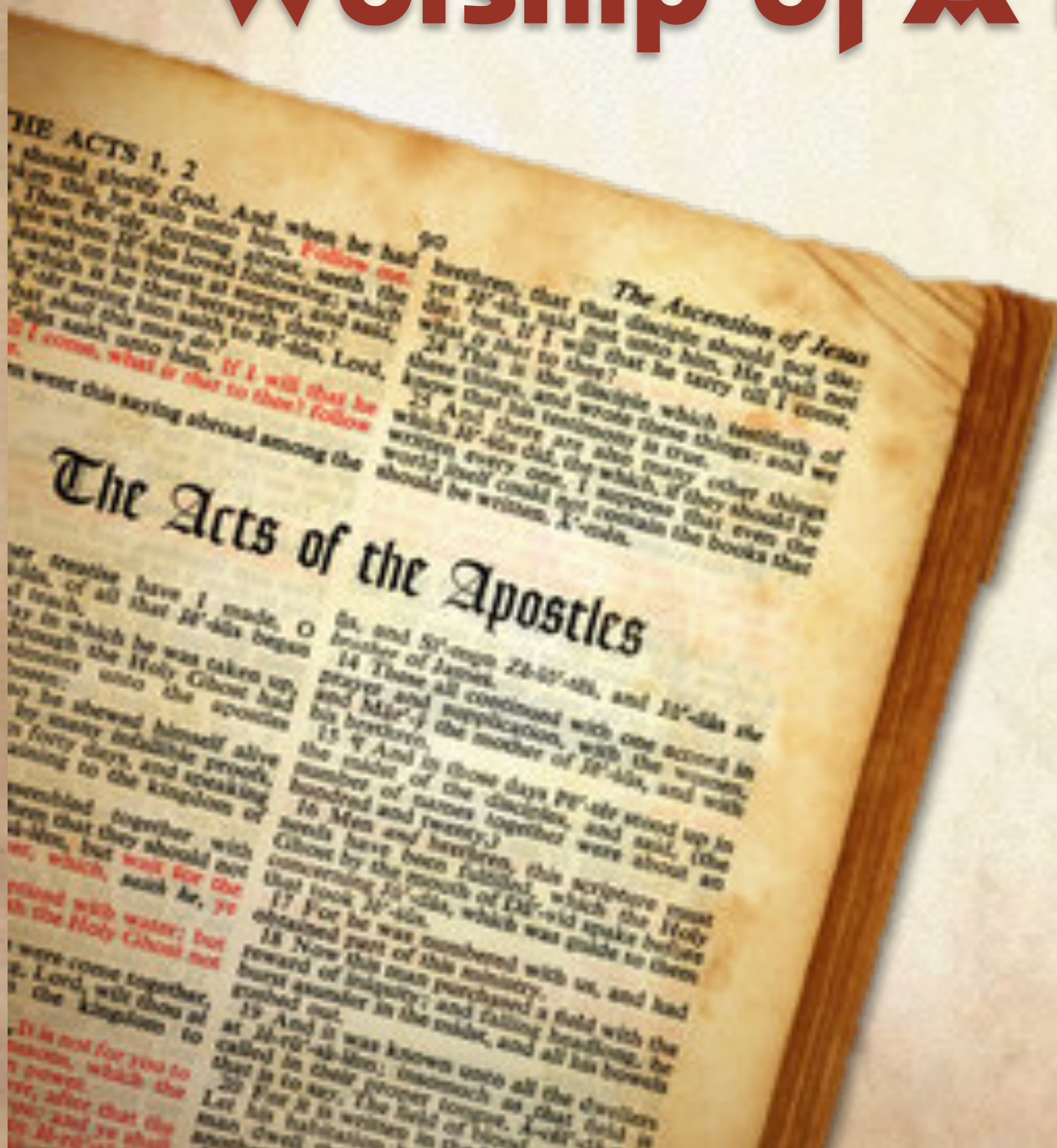


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## THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE Worship of A Local Church

- ◆ It is important “HOW” we worship!
- ◆ There are MANY different ways to engage in “FALSE” worship!
- ◆ The “PURPOSE” of worship is to honor & glorify God - The ONLY way to honor & glorify God in our worship is to worship AS HE SAYS!





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## THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE **Worship of A Local Church**

**John 4:23-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

- ◆ God has always ONLY accepted worship from those who offered it from their heart (**in spirit**) and in accordance with His Law (**& truth**).
- ◆ Ordinances of the OT were until "the time of reformation" (He 9:9-10), i.e., the NT.
- ◆ NT worship is more in keeping with the nature of God & relates more to the spiritual side of man.



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## THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE **Worship of A Local Church**

OT - carnal (fleshly) ordinances cf. Heb 9:1-10	NT worship geared more to spiritual side of man
A physical structure (tabernacle / Temple)	Temple spiritual, Christians - 1 Co 3:16; Ep 2:19-22
Special priesthood, clothing for priests	All Christians priests, spiritual sacrifices - 1Pe 2:5,9
Lamp stands, burning incense	Prayers sweet incense - Re 5:8
Instruments of music	Melody made in heart - Ep 5:19
Feast days	Lord's Supper - 1Co 10:16-17
Animal and meal sacrifices	Spiritual sacrifices - He 13:15; Rom 12:1-2



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## THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE **Worship of A Local Church**

### *The NT Pattern For Music*

Compile all references to the subject including direct statements, approved actions, and necessary implications.





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## THE NT PATTERN FOR MUSIC

### THE REASON FOR OPPOSING MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS

#### NOT BECAUSE

- ◆ They are evil in and of themselves -
- ◆ Of Mere Preference -
- ◆ Of historical tradition in churches of Christ -





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## THE NT PATTERN FOR MUSIC

### THE REASON FOR OPPOSING MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS

### BUT BECAUSE

- ◆ There is no New Testament authority for using mechanical instruments of music in worship - Col 3:17





# The Odd Folks Who Don't Have Pianos



**WIKIPEDIA**  
*Die freie Enzyklopädie*

Present-day Christian religious bodies known for conducting their worship services without musical accompaniment include some Presbyterian churches devoted to the regulative principle of worship, Old Regular Baptists, Primitive Baptists, Plymouth Brethren, most congregations among the churches of Christ, the Old German Baptist Brethren, the Eastern Orthodox Christian Church and the Amish. Many Mennonites also conduct some or all of their services without instruments.

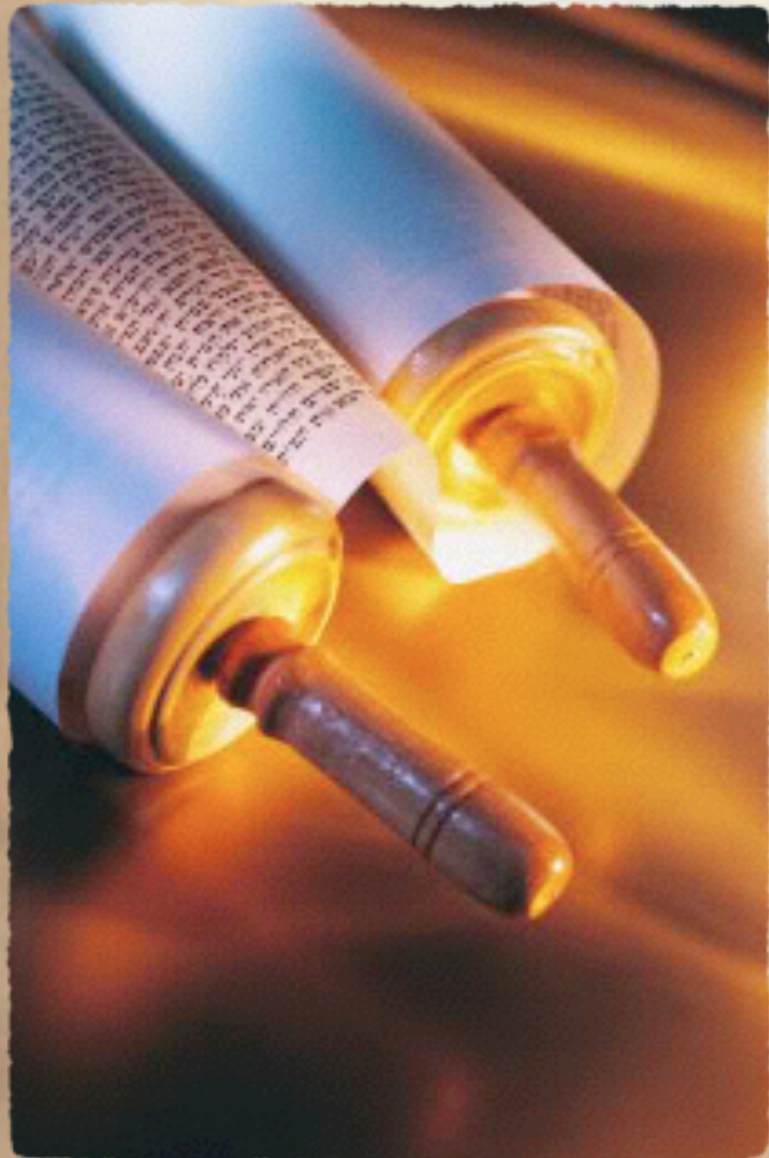


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## THE NT PATTERN FOR MUSIC

### THE “REGULATIVE PRINCIPLE” OF WORSHIP (Deut. 4:2; John 4:24; Rev 22:18,19)



- ◆ Cain & Able - Gen 4:1-7
- ◆ The ark - Gen 6:9-22
- ◆ The tabernacle, ark & service - Ex. 25:9,40; 26:30; Num 8:4
- ◆ Nadab & Abihu - Lev. 10:1-3
- ◆ Uzziah - 2 Chron. 2:16-21
- ◆ Scribes & Pharisees - Mt 15:7-9
- ◆ The church - John 4:21-24; 2 Tim 1:13; Heb 8:5

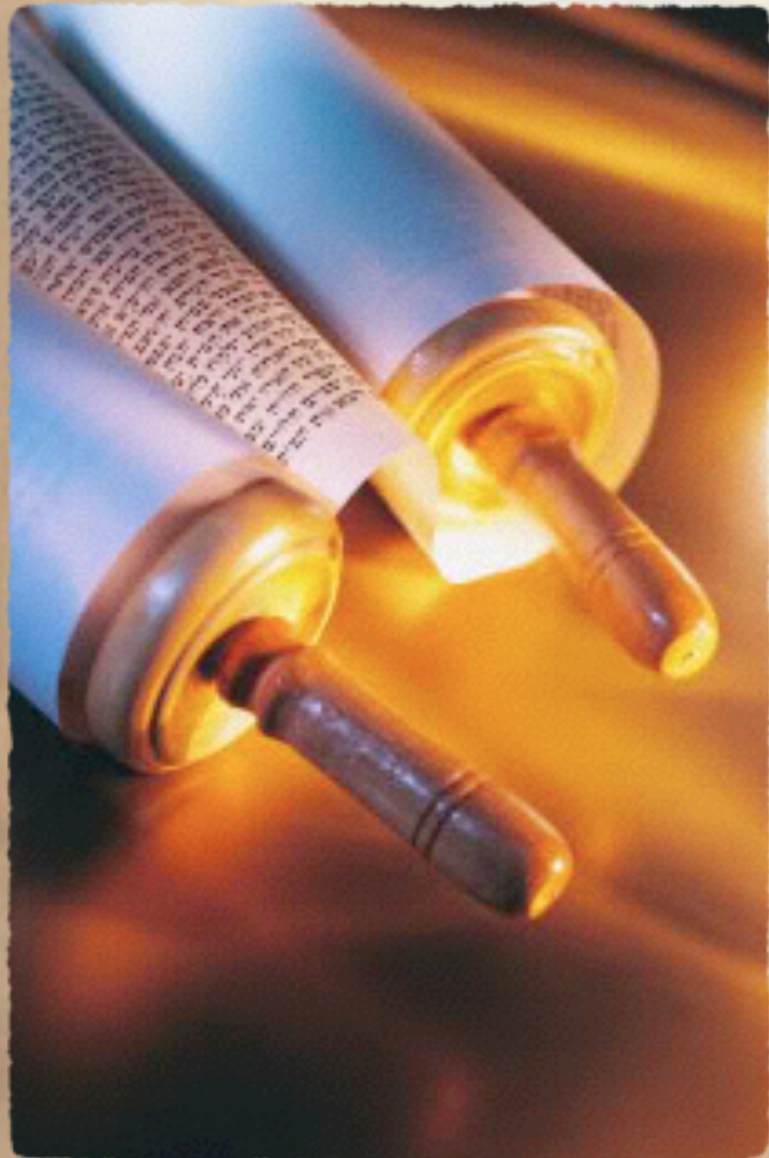


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- ◆ Everything the New Testament has to say regarding music in worship must be considered.
- ◆ The totality of revelation on the matter is the pattern for our worship. (2 Tim 3:16,17)
- ◆ Silence does not authorize.
- ◆ When God specifies a thing then we transgress if we change it. (2 John 1:9)



*“... The Sacrifice of Praise To God, That Is The Fruit of Our Lips ...”*

# **The New Testament Pattern**

## **Acts 16:25 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.





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# **The New Testament Pattern**

## **Romans 15:9 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."





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## **1 Cor. 14:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> 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.





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# **The New Testament Pattern**

## **Ephesians 5:19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in  
psalms and hymns and spiritual  
songs, singing and making melody  
in your heart to the Lord,





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# **The New Testament Pattern**

## **Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> 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.





*"...The Sacrifice of Praise To God, That Is The Fruit of Our Lips..."*

# **The New Testament Pattern**

**Hebrews 2:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."





*“...The Sacrifice of Praise To God, That Is The Fruit of Our Lips...”*

# **The New Testament Pattern**

## **Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> 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.





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### THE “REGULATIVE PRINCIPLE” OF WORSHIP (Deut. 4:2; John 4:24; Rev 22:18,19)



- ***“Speaking” - Communicating***
- ***“Teaching”***
- ***“Admonishing”***
- ***“Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs”***
- ***“Singing”***
- ***“Making melody in your heart to the Lord”***
- ***“With thankfulness in your heart”***



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### THE “REGULATIVE PRINCIPLE” OF WORSHIP (Deut. 4:2; John 4:24; Rev 22:18,19)

#### MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

##### EXPEDIENT

NOTES  
WORDS  
BEAT  
MELODY  
SONG BOOK  
PITCH

##### COMMAND

**SING W/  
HEART**

**PIANO**

##### ADDITION

VOICELESS NOISE  
DIVISIVENESS  
ENTERTAINMENT  
SENSUALITY  
PERFORMANCE  
CONFUSION



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## THE NT PATTERN FOR MUSIC

### THE INTERESTING TESTIMONY OF HISTORY

#### **FACT:**

NO RECORD OF  
MECHANICAL  
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BEING USED  
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According to James William McKinnon, there is not one reference to instrumental music in the worship of the church in the “Fathers” from the second century through the beginning of the fifth (about 150 references in all).



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A.D.—

- *Clement of Alexandria (150 AD)*
- *Justin Martyr (150 AD)*
- *Origen (200 AD)*
- *Methodius (250 AD)*
- *Eusebius (300 AD)*
- *Basil of Caesarea (330 AD)*
- *John Chrysostom (350 AD)*
- *Cyril of Jerusalem (350 AD)*
- *Athanasius (350 AD)*
- *Isadore of Pelusium (400 AD)*
- *Jerome (400 AD)*
- *Augustine (400 AD)*



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### THE INTERESTING TESTIMONY OF HISTORY



Justin Martyr (A.D. 139)

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"The use of [instrumental] music was not received in the Christian churches, as it was among the Jew, in their infant state, but only the use of plain song. . . . Simply singing is not agreeable to children [*the aforementioned Jews*], but singing with lifeless instruments and with dancing and clapping is. On this account the use of this kind of instruments and of others agreeable to children is removed from the songs of the churches, and there is left remaining simply singing."



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### THE INTERESTING TESTIMONY OF HISTORY



Tertullian (ca. 160 AC)

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"Musical concerts with viol and lute belong to Apollo, to the Muses, to Minerva and Mercury who invented them; ye who are Christians, hate and abhor these things whose very authors themselves must be the object of loathing and aversion."



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#### **Eusebius (260-340):**

"Of old at the time those of the circumcision were worshiping with symbols and types it was not inappropriate to send up hymns to God with the psalterion and kithara . . . But we in an inward manner keep the part of the Jew, according to the saying of the apostle . . . [Romans 2:28f]. We render our hymns with a living psalterion and a living kithara, with spiritual songs. The unison voices of Christians would be more acceptable to God than any musical instrument" (Comments on Psalm 92:2-3).



Eusebius (264-340 AC)

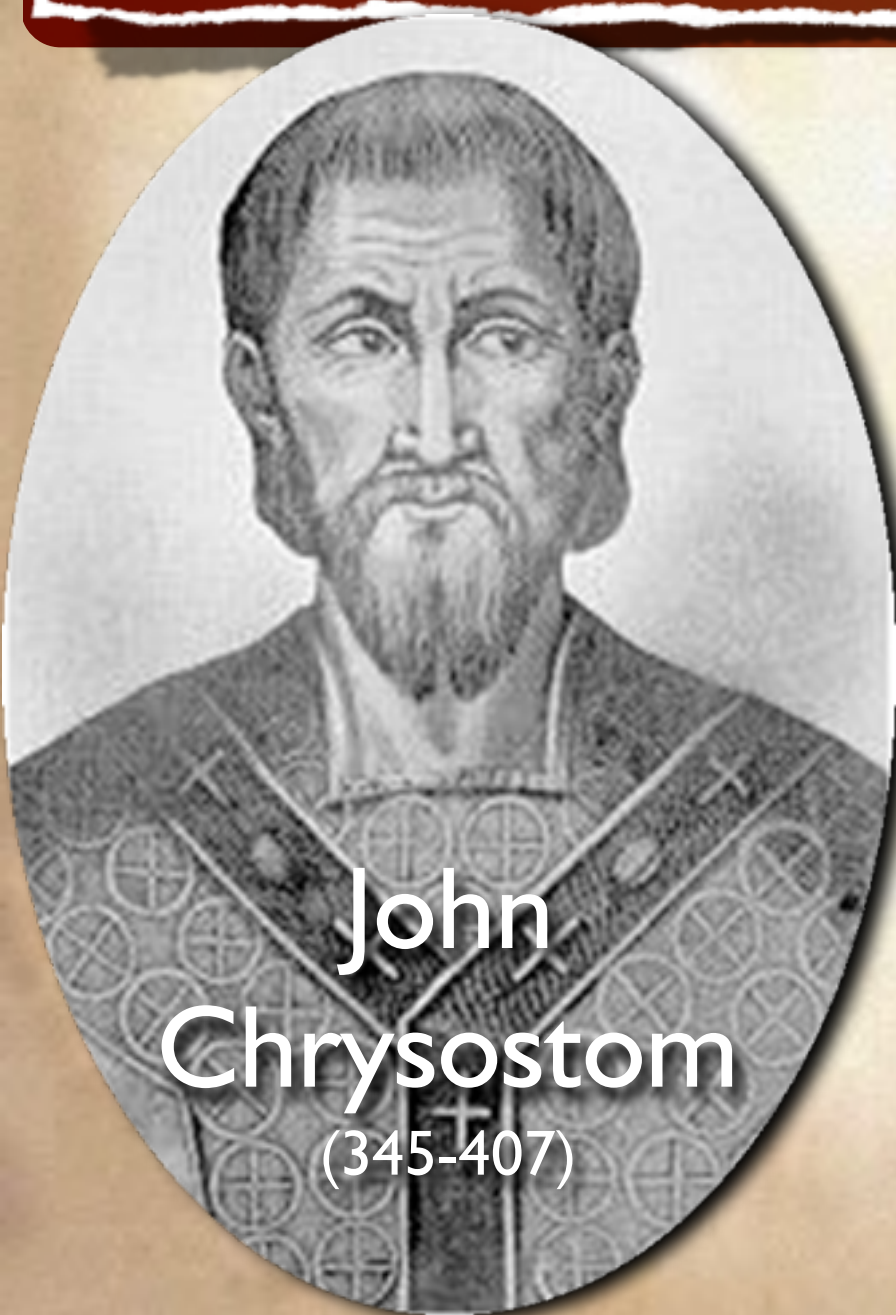


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**John  
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(345-407)

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"Just as the Jews are commanded to praise God with all musical instruments so we are commanded to praise him with all our members-the eye, the tongue, ear, the hand. These instruments were then allowed because of the weakness of the people, to train them to love and harmony" (Comments on Psalm 150)..

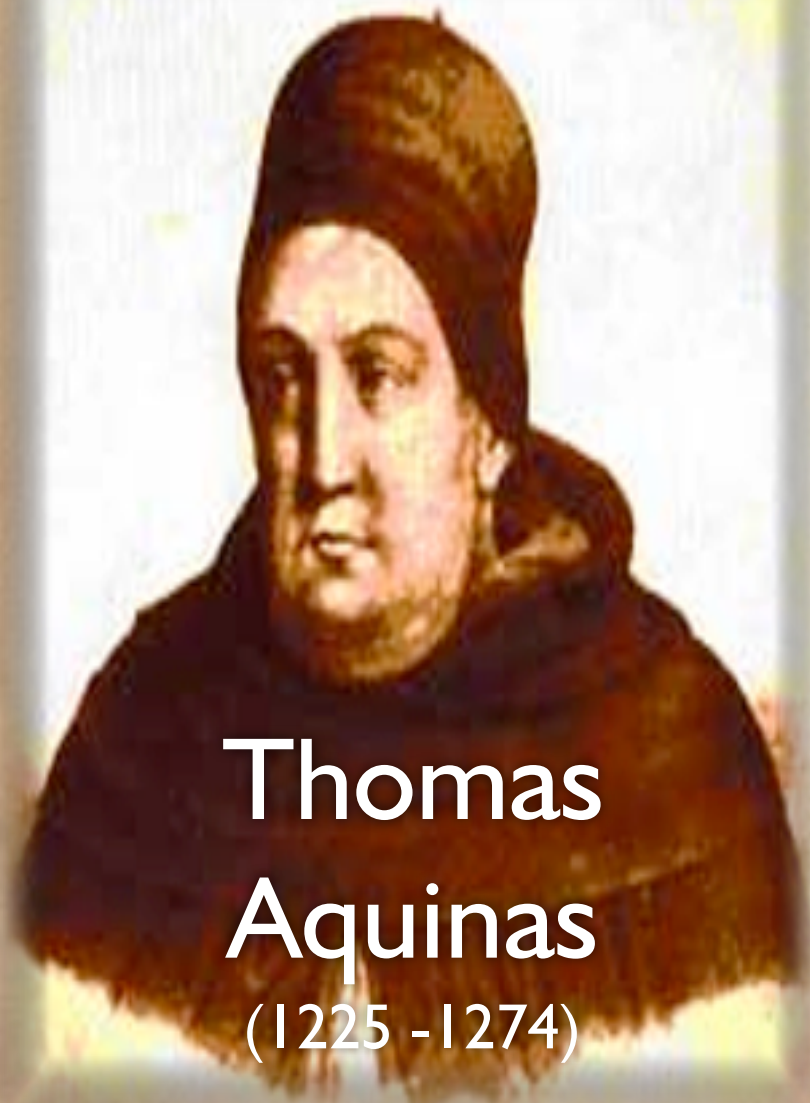


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Thomas  
Aquinas  
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“Our church does not use musical instruments, as harps and psalteries, to praise God withal, that she may not seem to Judaize”

(Thomas Aquinas, Bingham's Antiquities, Vol. 3, page 137)



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### THE INTERESTING TESTIMONY OF HISTORY



John Calvin

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"Musical instruments in celebrating the praises of God would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, the lighting of lamps, and the restoration of the other shadows of the law. The Papists therefore, have foolishly borrowed, this, as well as many other things, from the Jews. . . ."

*(Commentary on Psalms 33)*



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“... Men who are fond of outward pomp may delight in that noise; but the simplicity which God recommends to us by the apostles is far more pleasing to him. Paul allows us to bless God in the public assembly of the saints, only in a known tongue (I Cor. 14:16) What shall we then say of chanting, which fills the ears with nothing but an empty sound?”

*(Commentary on Psalms 33)*

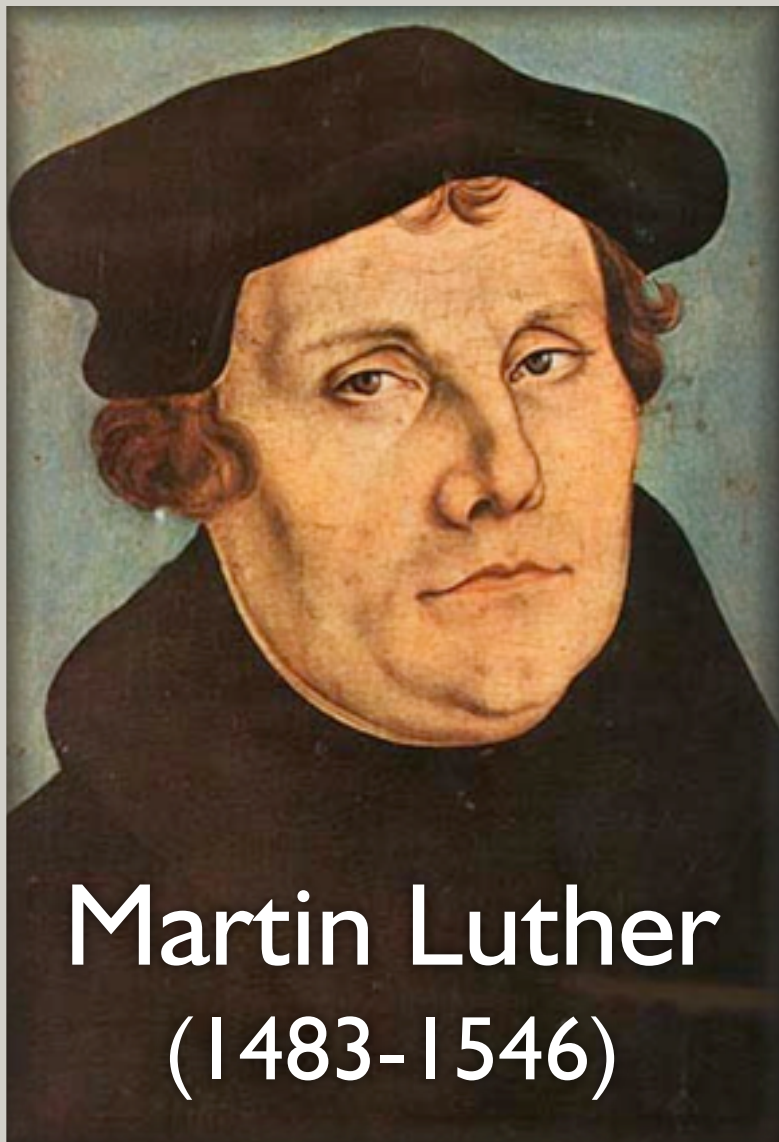


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**Martin Luther**  
(1483-1546)

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"The organ in the worship Is  
the insignia of Baal... The  
Roman Catholic borrowed it  
from the Jews."

(Martin Luther, McClintock & Strong's  
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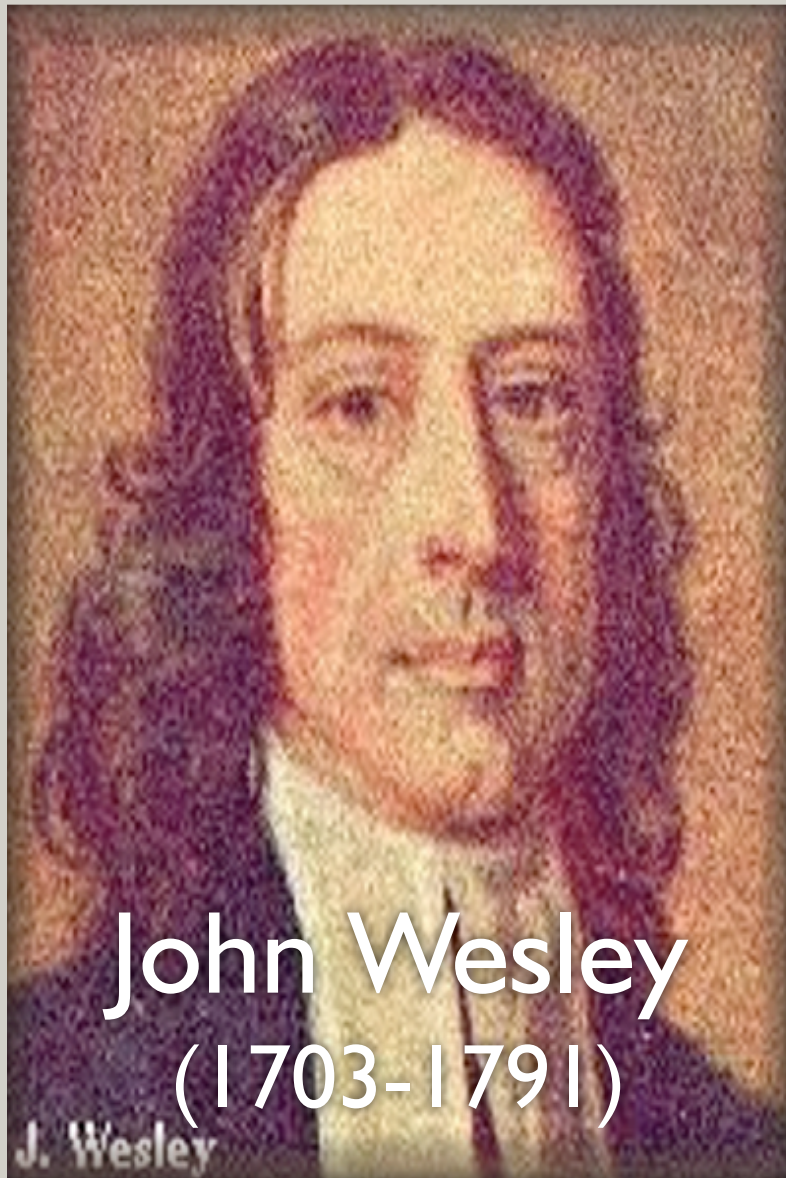


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**John Wesley**

(1703-1791)

"I have no objection to instruments of music in our worship, provided they are neither seen nor heard."

(founder of Methodism)

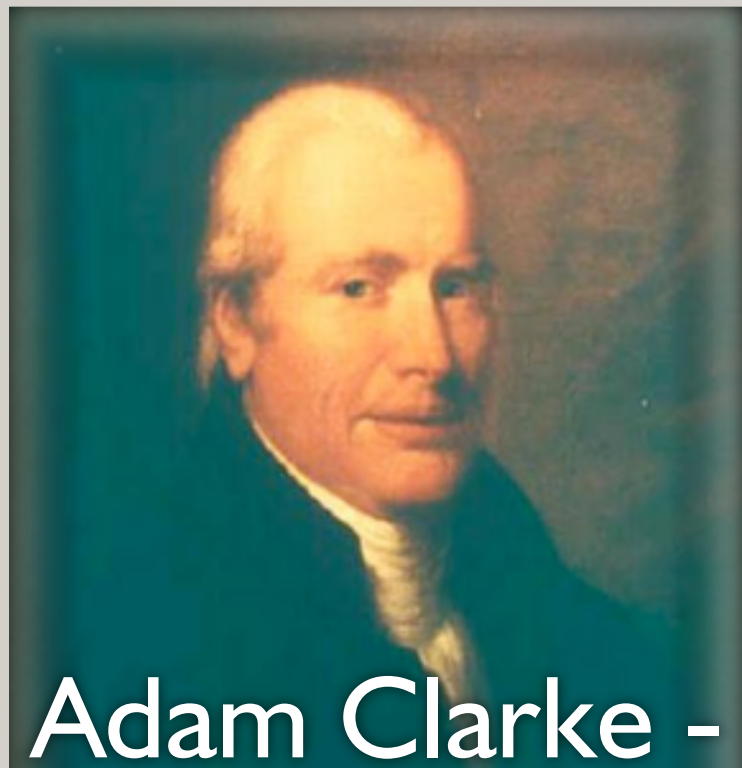


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**Adam Clarke -**  
(?1760-1832)  
(Clarke's  
Commentary Vol. II,  
pp. 690-691.)

### **Adam Clarke**

"But were it even evident, . . . that instruments of music were prescribed by divine authority under the law, could this be adduced with any semblance of reason, that they ought to be used in Christian worship? No; the whole spirit, soul, and genius of the Christian religion are against this; and those who know the Church of God best, and what constitutes its genuine spiritual state. . .

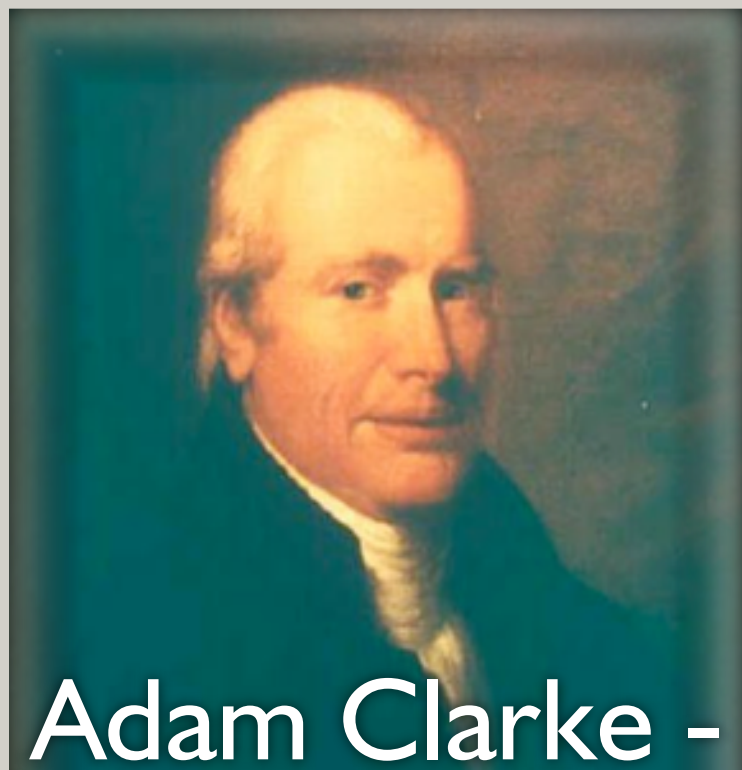


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... know that these things have been introduced as a substitute for the life and power of religion; and that where they prevail most, there is least of the power of Christianity. Away with such portentous baubles from the worship of that infinite Spirit who requires His followers to worship Him in spirit and truth, for to no such worship are these instruments friendly."

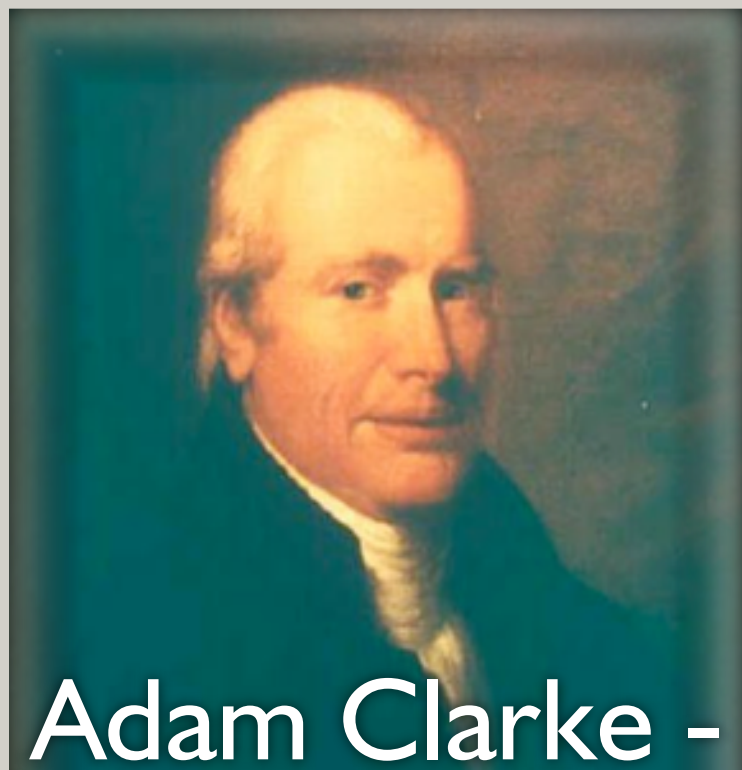


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"I am an old man, and I here declare that I never knew them to be productive of any good in the worship of God, and have reason to believe that they are productive of much evil. Music as a science I esteem and admire, but instrumental music in the house of God I abominate and abhor. This is the abuse of music, and I here register my protest against all such corruption of the worship of the author of Christianity . . ."

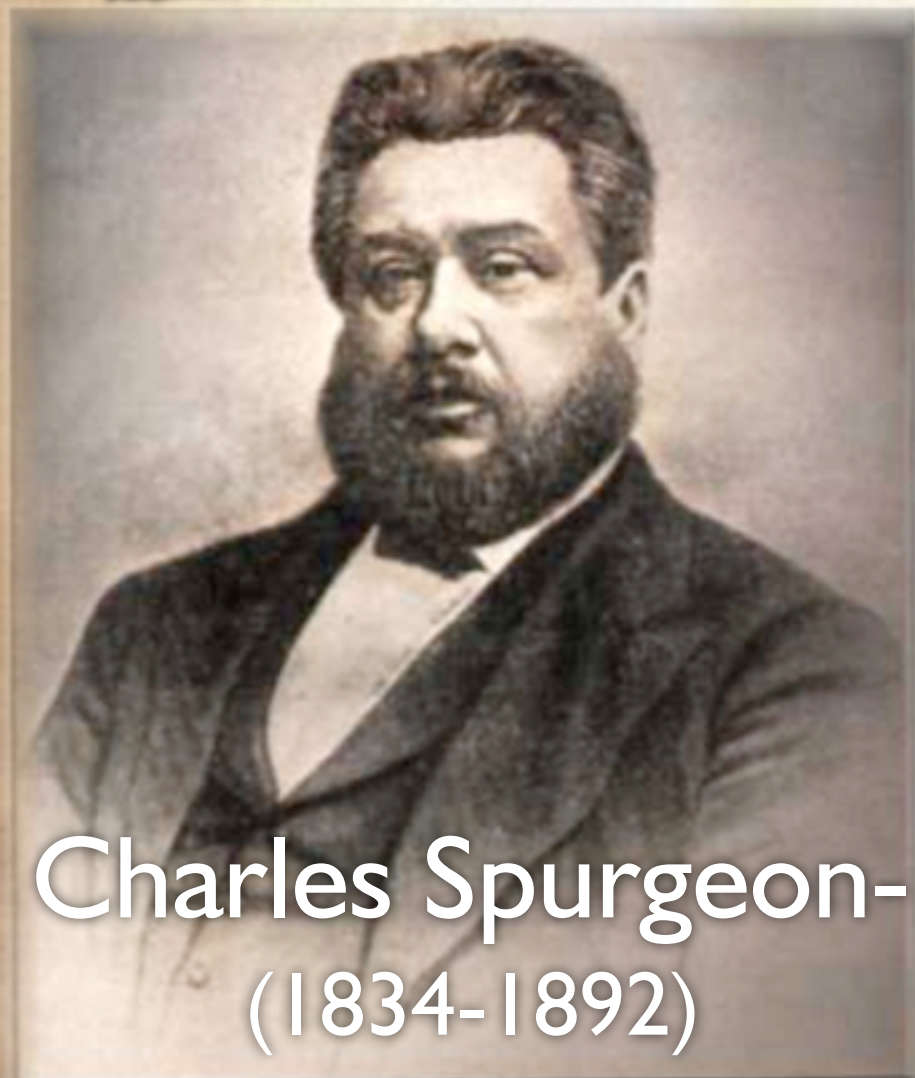


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Charles Spurgeon-  
(1834-1892)

*C.H. Spurgeon*

### Charles Spurgeon -

"David appears to have had a peculiarly tender remembrance of the singing of the pilgrims, and assuredly it is the most delightful part of worship and that which comes nearest to the adoration of heaven.

What a degradation to supplant the intelligent song of the whole congregation by the theatrical prettiness of a quartet, bellows, and pipes. We might as well pray by machinery as praise by it...



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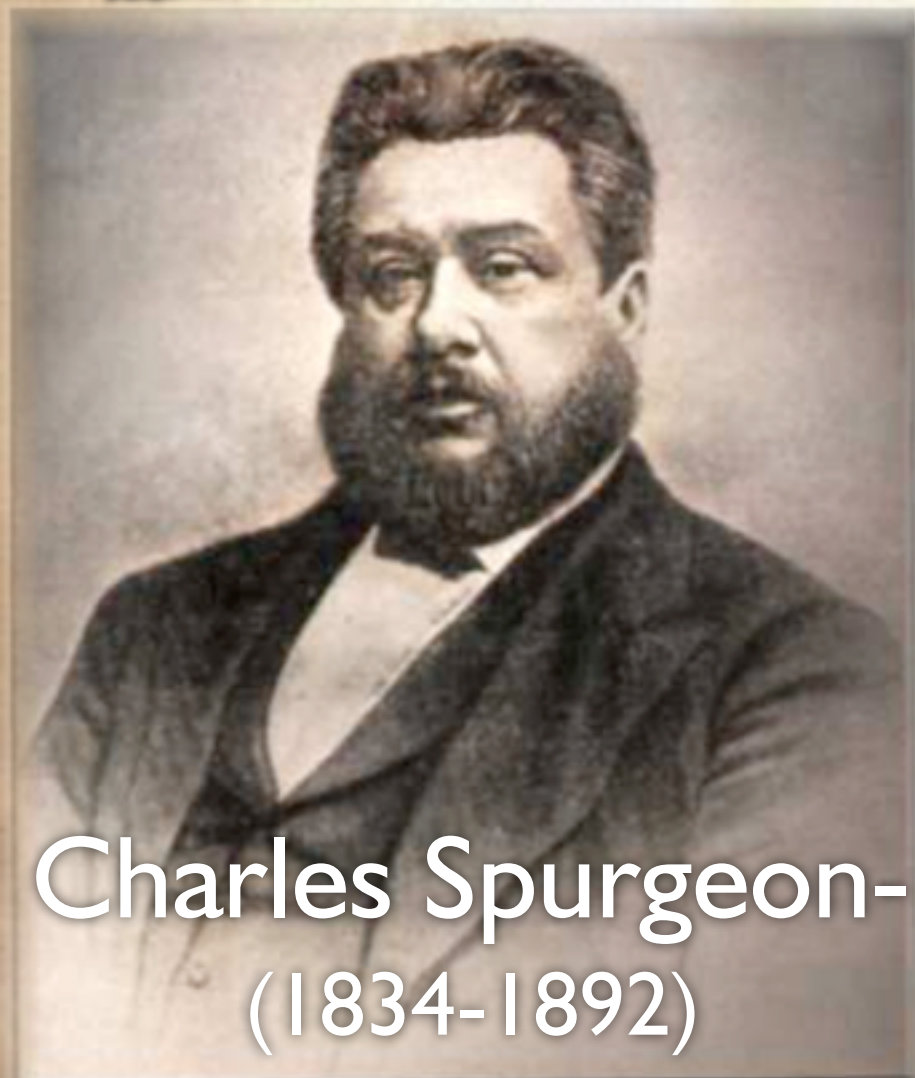
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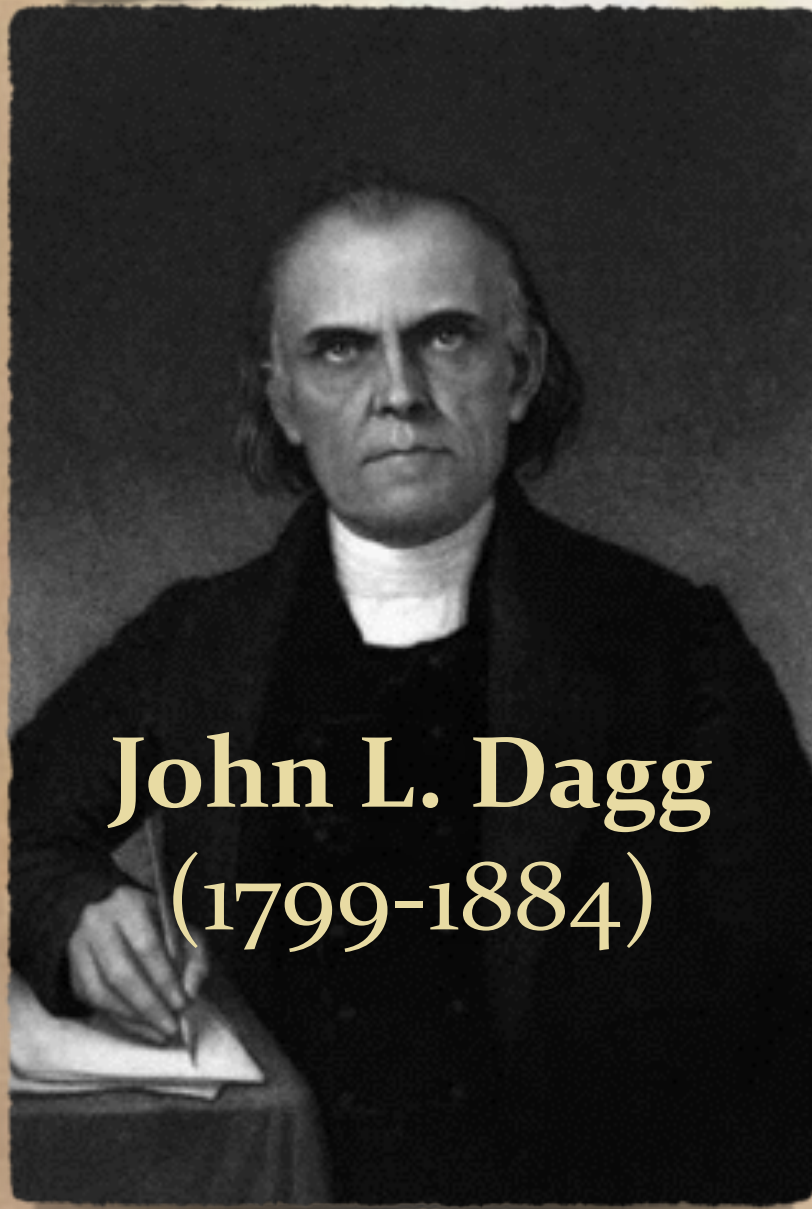


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**John L. Dagg**  
(1799-1884)

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was one of the most respected Baptist theologians during the 19th Century. In his Manual of Theology he wrote,  
“Instrumental music formed a part of the temple worship, but it is nowhere commanded in the New Testament; and it is less adapted to the more spiritual services of the present dispensation.”



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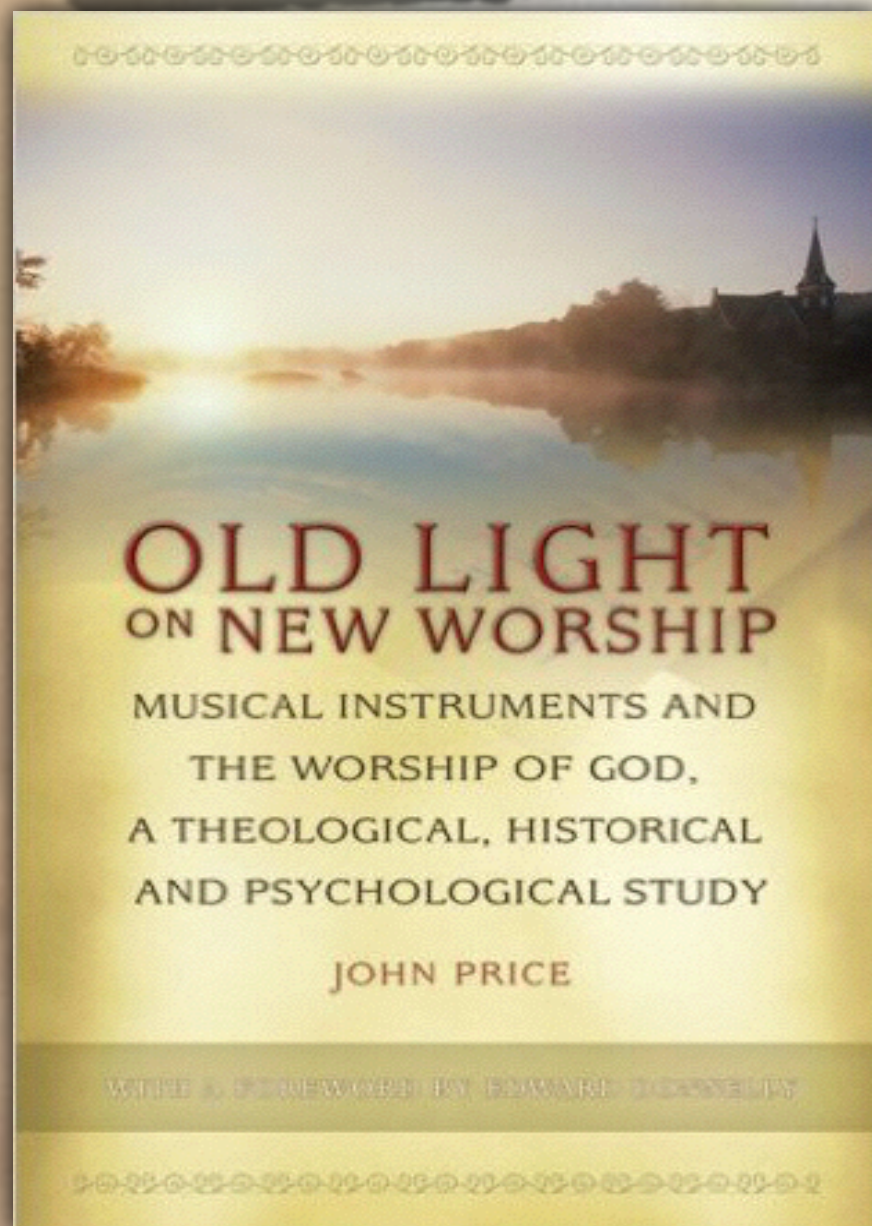
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**James McKinnon**

“The antagonism which the Fathers of the early church displayed toward instruments has two outstanding characteristics: vehemence and uniformity.”





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## THE NT PATTERN FOR MUSIC

### THE INTERESTING TESTIMONY OF HISTORY

#### QUESTION?

What is the relevance of the historical record in relation to this subject ?

- ◆ FACT: – NO record of instruments prior to 666 A.D.
- ◆ FACT: View of the reformers – I.M. is unauthorized under the NT economy.
- ◆ If the NT church used I.M. with the approval of the apostles – history would tell a different story!!



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### THE INTERESTING TESTIMONY OF HISTORY

#### QUESTION?

What is the  
relevance of the  
historical record  
in relation to  
this subject ?

- ◆ Who authorized I.M. music?
- ◆ We are not that ODD / We want to do what God has said!



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## THE NT PATTERN FOR MUSIC

### THE “REGULATIVE PRINCIPLE” OF WORSHIP (Deut. 4:2; John 4:24; Rev 22:18,19)



- ◆ Singing without mechanical accompaniment is right – to which everyone will agree!
- ◆ Singing without an instrument can be done by faith – 2 Cor 5:7; Rom 10:17; Jude 3



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## THE NT PATTERN FOR MUSIC

### THE “REGULATIVE PRINCIPLE” OF WORSHIP (Deut. 4:2; John 4:24; Rev 22:18,19)



- ◆ History confirms that Mechanical instruments were NOT used in the NT church – and condemned when introduced.
- ◆ If the N.T. authorizes MLM, then we can use it in worship - if it does not - we can't.







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# ROMANS 15:7-13 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, <sup>9</sup> and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written: “*For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name.*” <sup>10</sup> And again he says: “*Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!*”





# ROMANS 15:7-13 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> And again: *“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!”* <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says: *“There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope.”* <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

