

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Does Paul Allow Instruments In Worship?

Much of the religious world wishes to say that they have the authority to use musical instruments in worship. To support their beliefs, some may cite passages from the New Testament. Some have cited passages like 1 Corinthians 4:6-7, where Paul states, *"Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played?"* Some will try to use this passage to justify the use of musical instruments in worship because Paul mentioned the use of a flute and harp. When

studying God's word, it is important to pay attention to the context of the chapter. In context, Paul is using a simple allegory that the brethren could understand. He was not commanding them to use a flute or a harp in worship. Paul's point was that if those teachers were to speak in tongues and no one could interpret, this would be like playing an instrument and just making a racket (1 Cor. 13:1). Trying to use this passage to justify the use of musical instruments in worship completely changes the original meaning of the passage. That is sinful (Rev. 22:18-19; Deut. 12:32).

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