

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

The Difference Between Singing And Playing

Much of the religious world says that we have the authority to use musical instruments in worship. If God wants us to play mechanical instruments as part of our worship, why then is there a divide among some concerning whether or not musical instruments are allowed in our worship services (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19)? Does it even matter what position I take on this subject? Many do not see the spiritual difference between singing and playing.

For clarity, understand that the Greek word for "singing" in Ephesians 5:19 is "*psallos*." Thayer defines it as: "to pluck, twang, or twitch." In this passage, one

"psallos" (pluck or play) on the heart. It is impossible for musical instruments to make melody in their heart. They cannot exhort, teach, praise God, or address fellow brethren. The failure to do all of these things disqualifies the use of musical instruments in worship. The only kind of music that God has authorized in worship to Him is singing.

There is indeed a difference between using musical instruments and singing in the worship of our Lord. Worshipping in a way that God has not commanded is committing a sin. Your worship will not be accepted by God (Matt. 15:8-9).

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