

## Conclusion

It is good for us to examine the things we practice in our worship to God. Why are we doing what we are doing? Are our practices found in the New Testament or not (I Peter 4:11; Colossians 3:17)? If the things we are doing in worship are not found in the New Testament, then we need to abandon them or be guilty of offering “vain worship” to God (Matthew 15:8-9). If they are found in the New Testament, then let us follow this, and worship God “*in spirit and in truth*” (John 4:24) and not be afraid of what man may say.

As in any Bible study, if we wish to learn the truth, then let us read what the Bible says and be willing to accept it. This attitude is needed whether we are talking about singing to God or any other subject (Colossians 3:17). Does your church use mechanical instruments in their worship? If so, why? The New Testament emphasizes singing alone as acceptable to Him. Let us be satisfied with what God has prescribed and do it (Hebrews 12:25).

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- If you have any questions about this subject, or the church of Christ in general, please contact us. We would love to study with you from God’s word.

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Sunday: 10:00 am  
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10:45 am (Worship)

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## “Instrumental Music In The Worship”

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**H**ave we ever wondered why there are some churches that do not use mechanical instruments in their worship? Perhaps we have friends who do not use a mechanical instrument in their worship, and we have wondered why this is so. The Caneyville church of Christ does not use mechanical instruments in our worship, and this tract intends to shed light on why we sing praises to God without a mechanical instrument.

Some might think the lack of a mechanical instrument is strange. Perhaps some see such practices as being in the “minority” of the practices found in the religious world at large. This may be the case today, but rest assured, it was not always like this!

### *Voices From The Past*

Not that many years ago, there would have been many folks upset at seeing religious groups using mechanical instruments in their worship to God. Let us read some quotations from these men who understood what the Bible said about singing.



- “I have no objection to instruments of music in our chapels, provided they

*are neither HEARD nor SEEN.”*  
(John Wesley – founder of Wesleyan church)

- *“The organ in the worship is an ensign (sign, token, or emblem) of Baal.”* (Martin Luther – founder of the Lutheran church)
- *“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 other shadows of the Law.”* (John Calvin - founder of the Presbyterian church)

### ***The Bible Speaks***

More important than the voices of men is the voice of God. When folks are satisfied just to read what God says and follow His word, we can have religious unity today, just as the apostle Paul declared (I Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 1:27, 2:2). What has been declared by God concerning instrumental music in worship? The answer to our questions on this subject is found in the New Testament.

1. *“And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the mount of Olives.”* (Matthew 26:30 and Mark 14:26)

2. *“And at midnight Paul and Silas were praying, and singing hymns to God: and the prisoners were listening to them.”* (Acts 16:25)

3. *“And in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, Therefore, I will praise You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name.”* (Romans 15:9)

4. *“What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, and I will pray with my mind also: I will sing praise with my spirit, and I will sing praise with my mind also.”* (I Corinthians 14:15)

5. *“Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your to the Lord with your heart.”* (Ephesians 5:19)

6. *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”* (Colossians 3:16)

7. *“Saying, I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation will I sing thy praise.”* (Hebrews 2:12)

8. *“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is,*

*the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.”*  
(Hebrews 13:15)

9. *“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.”* (James 5:13)



### ***Man’s Response: Accept Or Reject***

After reading the above passages concerning God’s will on singing in worship, we have one of two choices. We will either accept, or we will reject what God has revealed. When we read God’s will in such clear terms, how can we come to any other conclusion than that we need to be singing with our voices to God when we worship Him?

In John 4:24, we read that Jesus said, *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* Therefore, our worship in song must be “in spirit and in truth.” A mechanical instrument cannot respond to God in this way, but the human heart can (See: Colossians 3:16)! Seeing that this is the case if we are going to please God, we must accept what the Lord has said and leave behind practices (including the use mechanical instruments) that have been introduced by men.