

# INSTRUMENTS OF PRAISE

EPHESIANS 5:19



# THE REGULATED PATTERN

- Before the law we have a few instances of instrumental music used in worship (Ex. 15:20)
- Moses specified the usage of music in the Law (Num. 10:1-10).
- When the place of worship became stationary, many jobs of the Levites were discontinued (1 Chron. 23:25-26).
- So, David organized them in other duties including playing instruments (1 Chron. 23:1-5).
- This was not mere preference (2 Chron. 29:25-27; 7:6; 1 Chron. 16:42).
- This was the pattern appealed to over and over again (2 Chron. 5:11-13; 8:14; 23:18; 35:4, 15; Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:24, 35-36).

# MELODY IN THE HEART

- The New Testament gives us a pattern to follow (Eph. 5:19).
- We cannot act outside the level of specificity God has revealed (Heb. 7:14).
- The heart is given as the instrument for the melody (cf. Col. 3:16).
- In a passage that includes songs in a discussion of spiritual gifts, the gift of musicianship is not included (1 Cor. 14).
- As to what songs, how to know them, what tune they may be set to, He has not specified.