

MAKING MELODY
IN YOUR HEART

Ephesians 5:19

WHAT IS AUTHORIZED?



- **Command/Direct Statement** – Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; James 5:13 – singing
- **Example** – Acts 16:25 – singing
- **Necessary Inference** – cf. Hebrews 7:11-14 – silence is prohibitive – singing.
- **Aid or Addition?** – 1 Corinthians 10:23 – aids must be authorized and cannot change what is being done in fulfillment of a command.

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What about the Old Testament use of instruments?

- Example – **Psalm 81:1-4**
- Nailed to the cross – **Colossians 2:14**
- Made obsolete – **Hebrews 8:7-8, 13**
- *Why was there use of mechanical instruments in the Old Testament, but not in the New?*



Instruments Associated with the Tabernacle and Temple

- Two silver trumpets – Numbers 10:1-10 – command of God, priests
- Service of tabernacle – 1 Chronicles 15:15-16, 24, 28; 16:1, 6 – Levites, priests.
- The temple – 1 Chronicles 28:11-13, 19, 2 Chronicles 29:25-28 – command of God, priests and Levites.

FLESHLY ORDINANCES AND THE
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“fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.”
(Hebrews 9:10)

- Copy/shadow, not perfection – 8:4-5; 7:11-12, 18-19
- Earthly sanctuary – 9:1-5, 10 – *“until the time of reformation”*
- **It was in the service of this Tabernacle that the physical tribe of Levi and the priests in it utilized mechanical instruments at God’s command in the services and worship – like all else changed at *“the time of reformation”* for good reason, so did the music in worship.**

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WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

The Time Jesus Looked Forward To – John 4:23-24

The Context of Ephesians

- **Spiritual** – blessings (1:3), power (1:20), resurrection (2:6), work (2:10), man (2:15-16), revelation to fullness (3:5, 19), living (4-6)
- The church as the fullness of Christ – 1:22-23
 - The command to sing is a part of this – 5:15-20 – involving the human heart filled with the Spirit's instruction.

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The Context of Colossians

- **Spiritual** – production (1:6), growth (1:9), kingdom (1:13), authority (1:18), goal (1:27-29), substance (2:6-7, 9-10), life with Christ (3-4)
- Christ as the fullness of the church – 2:9-10
 - The command to sing is a part of this – 3:16-17 – the word of Christ dwells in us through song, involving the heart.

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The Heart of the Matter

- Under the Old Testament – **Psalm 150**
- Under the New Testament – **Ephesians 5:19** (*psallō* in your heart)
- The complete man for God in Christ (**Matt. 22:37; 1 Thess. 5:23**) reflected in the musical aspect of worship – **Colossians 3:26; Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 13:15**

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