

**Q: Is it OK to use mechanical instruments of music in worship to God today?**

(e.g. pianos, organs, guitars, drums, etc.)

**The Eight Witnesses**

There are eight (8) passages that say anything about the kind of music Christians used or were told to use in worship to God under the New Covenant. We know this worship is authorized by God. Fill in the blanks—the “testimony” of these eight “witnesses” in your NT—about the kind of music the Christians in the 1<sup>st</sup> century used in worship.

1. Ac 16:25 - “\_\_\_\_\_ hymns of praise to God”
2. Rom 15:9 - “\_\_\_\_\_ to thy name”
3. 1Co 14:15 - “\_\_\_\_\_ with the spirit...SING with the mind also”
4. Eph 5:19 - “\_\_\_\_\_ and making melody with your heart to the Lord”
5. Col 3:16 - “\_\_\_\_\_ with thankfulness in your hearts to God”
6. Heb 2:12 - “I will \_\_\_\_\_ thy praise”
7. Heb 13:15 - “praise to God, that is, the \_\_\_\_\_”
8. Jam 5:13 - “\_\_\_\_\_ praises”

> Write here the “witnesses” that testify to the use of instrumental music in worship by the Christians that lived on earth in the 1<sup>st</sup> century (book, chapter, verse): \_\_\_\_\_

> What did Jesus say made worship “vain”? Mt 15:9 \_\_\_\_\_

**Q: How would you respond to the following efforts to defend the use of instrumental music in worship?**

Are WE (and our children) equipped to answer efforts made to defend the use of instrumental music in worship? As parents/grandparents, have we prepared our children to deal with these? How would you and I respond as shepherds of the flock? Following are some of the arguments used to justify instrumental music in worship. How would you respond? Provide evidence for your answer from the Scriptures.

1. The elders have approved it and God expects to respect their leadership.
2. Jesus doesn’t care what kind of music as long as sincere.
3. The New Testament does not say, “You shall not have instrumental music,” therefore it is not forbidden.
4. There will be instrumental music in heaven, **Rev 5:8; 14:2; 15:2**.
5. It is lawful to use instrumental music in worship at home, so it is OK to use it in church.

[**NOTE**: Lord willing, we will discuss other efforts made to defend instrumental music in worship in another class.]