BY WHAT AUTHORITY DO YOU DO THESE THINGS?

Challenging Yourself

To

"Prove All Things"

INSTRUMENTAL OR A-CAPPELLA MUSIC?

THE EXCHANGE

Matthew 21:23-27

23 Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"

24 But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things:

THE EXCHANGE

Matthew 21:23-27

25 "The baptism of John--where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet."

THE EXCHANGE

MATTHEW 21:23-27

27 SO THEY ANSWERED JESUS AND SAID, "WE DO NOT KNOW." AND HE SAID TO THEM, "NEITHER WILL I TELL YOU BY WHAT AUTHORITY I DO THESE THINGS.

JESUS vs CHIEF PRIESTS

"By What Authority – John's Baptism"

- "The baptism of John--where was it from? From **heaven**? OR from **men**?"

JESUS' AUTHORITY

MATTHEW 28

18 AND JESUS CAME AND SPOKE TO THEM, SAYING, "ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH.

19 "GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,

20 "TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU; AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE."

JESUS' AUTHORITY

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COLOSSIANS 3

16 LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY IN ALL WISDOM, TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER IN PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, SINGING WITH GRACE IN YOUR HEARTS TO THE LORD.

17 AND WHATEVER YOU DO IN WORD OR DEED,

DO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS

GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM.

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SINGING **WITH GRACE IN YOUR HEARTS TO THE LORD**

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EPHESIANS 5

19 SPEAKING TO ONE ANOTHER IN

PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

SINGING AND MAKING MELODY IN YOUR HEART TO THE LORD

GIVING THANKS ALWAYS FOR ALL THINGS TO GOD THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

JESUS' AUTHORITY

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I Corinthians 14

15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding.

I WILL *SING* WITH THE SPIRIT
I WILL *SING* WITH THE UNDERSTANDING.

JESUS' AUTHORITY

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JAMES 5

13 IS ANYONE AMONG YOU SUFFERING? LET HIM PRAY.
IS ANYONE CHEERFUL? **LET HIM *SING* PSALMS.**

JESUS' AUTHORITY

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ACTS 16

25 BUT AT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE PRAYING AND ***SINGING*** **HYMNS TO GOD** *AND THE PRISONERS WERE LISTENING TO THEM.*

JESUS' AUTHORITY

AND THE WORSHIP WE GIVE IN MUSICAL PRAISE

HEBREWS 2

12 SAYING: "I WILL DECLARE YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN; IN THE MIDST OF THE ASSEMBLY

I WILL *SING* PRAISE TO YOU"

JESUS' AUTHORITY

AND THE WORSHIP WE GIVE IN MUSICAL PRAISE

HEBREWS 13

15 THEREFORE BY HIM LET US CONTINUALLY OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO GOD, THAT IS,

THE FRUIT OF OUR LIPS

GIVING THANKS TO HIS NAME.

16 BUT DO NOT FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE, FOR WITH SUCH SACRIFICES GOD IS WELL PLEASED.

MY WORSHIP

TO FULLY PLEASE GOD!

COLOSSIANS 1

9 FOR THIS REASON WE ALSO, SINCE THE DAY WE HEARD IT, DO NOT CEASE TO PRAY FOR YOU, AND TO ASK THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL WISDOM AND SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING;

10 THAT YOU MAY WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD,

FULLY PLEASING HIM

BEING FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

GOD'S COMPLEX WORSHIP IN THE O.T.

God Knows How To Specify Instrumental Music!

- **2 Chron 29:25-29 Levitical Chorus & Orchaestra**

25 And he stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets
26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets
27 Then Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD also began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David king of Israel
28 So all the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.
29 And when they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped.

CARNAL ORDINANCES UNTIL A TIME OF REFORMATION

- **HEBREWS 9:9-10**

  9 IT ***(I.E. OT)*** WAS SYMBOLIC FOR THE PRESENT TIME IN WHICH BOTH GIFTS AND SACRIFICES ARE OFFERED WHICH CANNOT MAKE HIM WHO PERFORMED THE SERVICE PERFECT IN REGARD TO THE CONSCIENCE — 10 CONCERNED ONLY WITH FOODS AND DRINKS, VARIOUS WASHINGS, AND ***FLESHLY ORDINANCES*** **IMPOSED UNTIL THE TIME OF REFORMATION.**

A CAPPELLA

"WITHOUT INSTRUMENTAL ACCOMPANIMENT"

ITALIAN

"IN CHAPEL STYLE"

CHRISTIAN HISTORY

MUSIC HEARD IN CHAPELS WAS A-CAPPELLA

A CAPPELLA

"WITHOUT INSTRUMENTAL ACCOMPANIMENT"

PRIMITIVE CHURCH (30 – 600 AD)

ORTHODOX CHURCHES (600 – PRESENT)

CATHOLIC CHURCHES (600 – 1154 AD)

12TH CENTURY INTRODUCTION

PROTESTANT CHURCHES (1517 – 1850 AD)

19TH CENTURY INTRO

RESTORATION CHURCHES (1800 – PRESENT)

19TH CENTURY INTRO (1859 MIDWAY, KY)

PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS & A-CAPPELLA

- **JOHN CALVIN (1509-1564)**
  FOUNDER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:
  "MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN CELEBRATING THE PRAISES OF GOD WOULD BE NO MORE SUITABLE THAN THE BURNING OF INCENSE, THE LIGHTING UP OF LAMPS, AND THE RESTORATION OF THE OTHER SHADOWS OF THE [MOSAIC] LAW . . . MEN WHO ARE FOND OF OUTWARD POMP MAY DELIGHT IN THAT NOISE; BUT THE SIMPLICITY WHICH GOD RECOMMENDS TO US . . . IS FAR MORE PLEASING TO HIM" (COMMENTS ON PSALM 23).

PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS & A-CAPPELLA

- **Robert J. Breckinridge**
  a Presbyterian scholar, wrote an article dated December 30th, 1851 and entitled, "Protest Against The Use Of Instrumental Music In The Stated Worship Of God On The Lord's Day."

  "...the grand objection to the use of instrumental music, in the manner herein objected to, is that it is contrary to the express will of God, as shown by his positive institutions for his own praise."

PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS & A-CAPPELLA

- **John Wesley (1703-1791)**
  an Episcopal and a founder of Methodism:

  "I have no objection to the instruments in our chapels, provided they are neither heard nor seen"

PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS & A-CAPPELLA

- **ADAM CLARK (1762-1832)**
  METHODIST SCHOLAR AND COMMENTATOR:
  "I AM AN OLD MAN, AND AN OLD MINISTER; AND I HERE DECLARE THAT I NEVER KNEW THEM [MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS] PRODUCTIVE OF ANY GOOD IN THE WORSHIP OF GOD; AND HAVE HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE PRODUCTIVE OF MUCH EVIL. MUSIC, AS A SCIENCE, I ESTEEM AND ADMIRE: BUT INSTRUMENTS OF MUSIC IN THE HOUSE OF GOD I ABOMINATE AND ABHOR. THIS IS THE ABUSE OF MUSIC; AND HERE I REGISTER MY PROTEST AGAINST ALL SUCH CORRUPTIONS IN THE WORSHIP OF THE AUTHOR OF CHRISTIANITY"
  (COMMENTARY, IV, 686, ON AMOS 6:5).

PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS & A-CAPPELLA

- **Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)**
  preached to 20,000 people every Sunday for 20 years in the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle where mechanical instruments of music were never used in the services.

  When asked why, Spurgeon quoted I Corinthians 14:15: "*I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*" He declared: "I would as soon pray to God with machinery as to sing to God with machinery."

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