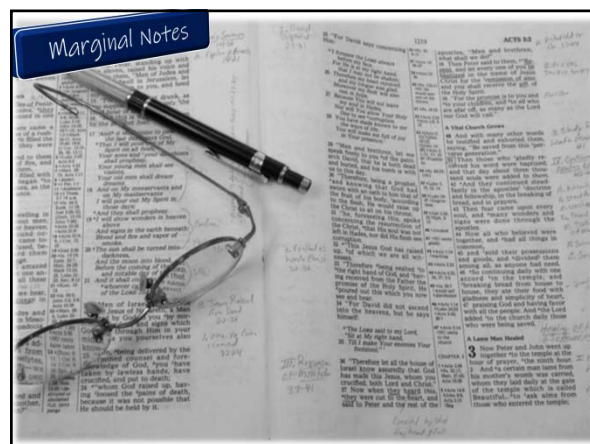


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**Music in Worship**

- Often asked – why we don't use instrumental music in worship
  - ✓ *May be a question / charge.*
  - ✓ *Most of cases – based on misinformation been given*
  - ✓ *Usually – don't have time to develop the answer*
- Route 9 – Bible Authority – is needed before this
- Going to look at all New Testament passages on music

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- 1 The Nature of Man – 2 Cor. 4:16
- 2 Understand the Bible – Jno. 20:30-31
- 3 Baptism Immersion only – Matt 3:5-6
- 4 Means to Believe in Jesus – Jno. 3:14-16
- 5 Child of God Sin & be Lost – 2 Pet. 1:5-10
- 6 Purpose of Water Baptism – Mark 16:16
- 7 Not Under Old Testament – Deut. 5:1-5
- 8 The Name Christian – Isaiah 56:5
- 9 Bible Authority – Matt. 21:23-27
- 10 Music in Worship – John 4:24

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**John 4:24**      **Col. 3:16-17**

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Two essentials for acceptable worship:

1. Spirit (Rom 2:29)
2. Truth (Jno 17:17)

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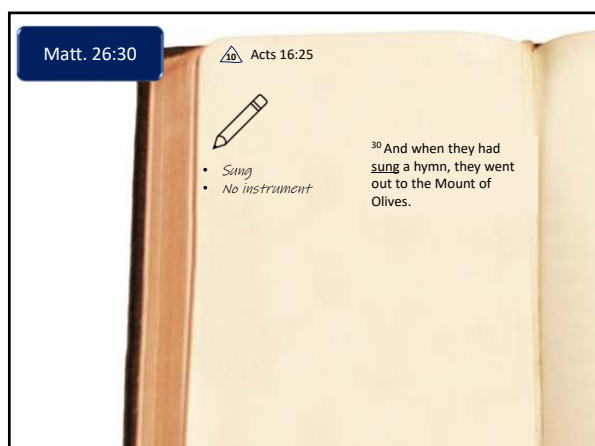
**Matt. 26:30**      **Col. 3:16-17**

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.

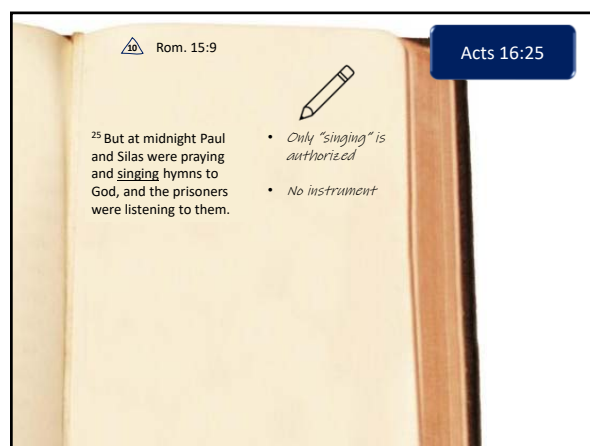
17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- Only "singing" is authorized
- Music: teaches & admonishes
- Instrument: heart
- Must have authority

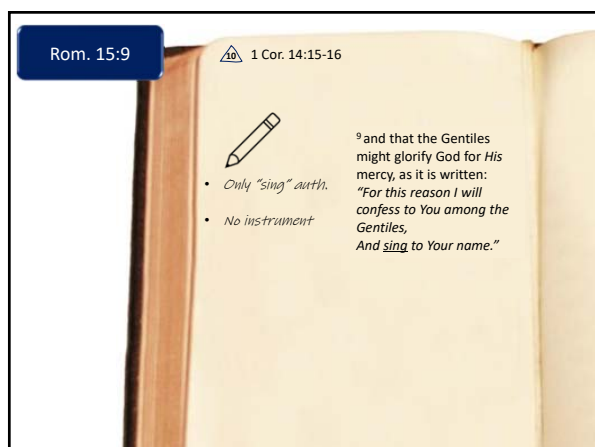
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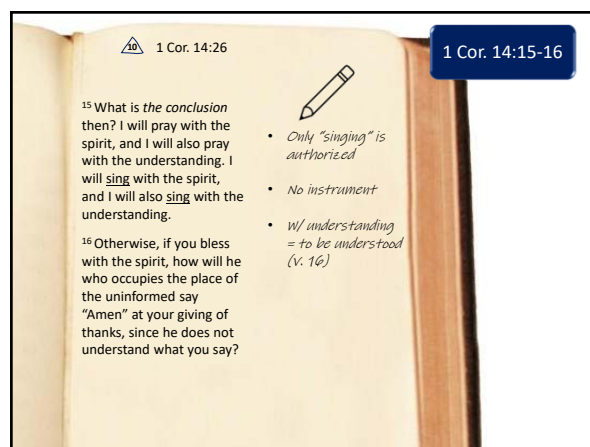
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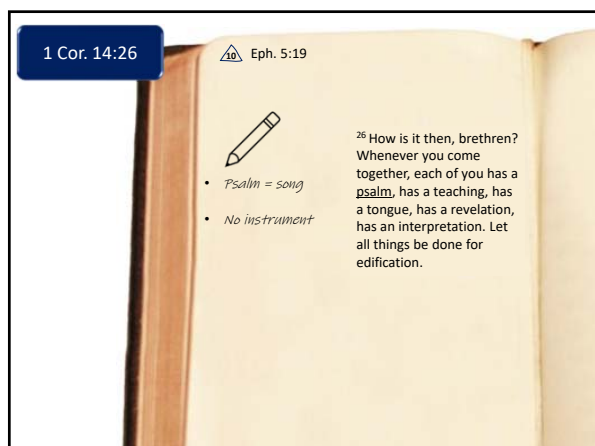
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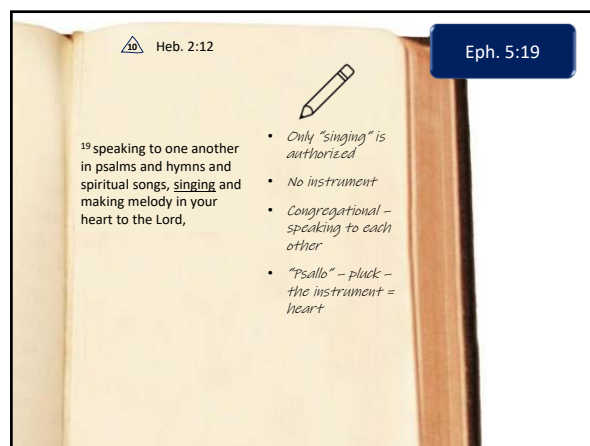
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### "Psallo" Argument

<b>Psallo (Verb)</b>	<b>Psalmos (Noun)</b>
"sing" (Rom. 15:9)	"Psalms" (Lk. 20:42)
"sing" (1 Cor. 14:15)	"Psalms" (Lk. 24:44)
"make melody" (Eph. 5:19)	"Psalms" (Acts 1:20)
"sing psalms" (Jas. 5:13)	"Psalms" (Acts 13:33)
	"Psalms" (1 Cor. 14:26)
	"Psalms" (Eph. 5:19)
	"Psalms" (Col. 3:16)

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### "Psallo" Argument

#### Argument:

1. The word means to "pluck" or "twang"
2. Lexicons says it is used of playing a stringed instrument
3. Thus, instrumental music *inheres* in the word "Psallo"

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### "Psallo" Argument

#### Answer:

#### 1. The meaning of the word

- a. *Literally*: "a. to pluck off, pull out. b. to cause to vibrate by touching, to twang" (Thayer)
- b. *Used of*:
  - Pluck hair, bowstring, carpenters red line (L&S)
  - Strings of an instrument (L&S, Thayer)
  - Sing – touch the cords of the heart (Thayer)
- c. *The object of the verb does not inhere in the verb*

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### Object of the Verb

#### The Verb Means:

"Pluck, Twitch, or Twang"

Does not tell **what is to be plucked**

The **what** is determined by context

#### If Instrumental music inheres:

why not "hair"?

why not "bowstring"?

why not "carpenter's line"?

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### "Psallo" Argument

#### Answer:

#### 1. The meaning of the word

#### 2. Missing evidence

- a. No lexicon says – instrument inheres in Psallo
- b. No translation says – play an instrument

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### "Psallo" Argument

#### Answer:

#### 1. The meaning of the word

#### 2. Missing evidence

#### 3. Instrument: The heart

#### Eph 5:19

"speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"

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## "Psallo" Argument

### Answer:

1. The meaning of the word
2. Missing evidence
3. Instrument: The heart
4. If instrument inheres in Psallo:
  - a. Must be used – not merely an "aid"
  - b. Required of all who worship – not just one player
  - c. Must use a harp or stringed instrument

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Heb. 2:12

Heb. 13:15



- Only "sing" auth.
- No instrument

<sup>12</sup> saying:  
 "I will declare Your name  
 to My brethren;  
 In the midst of the  
 assembly I will sing praise  
 to You."

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James 5:13

Heb. 13:15



<sup>15</sup> 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.

- Fruit of lips = singing
- No instrument

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James 5:13

Matt. 22:30



- Only "sing" auth.
- No instrument

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you  
 suffering? Let him pray. Is  
 anyone cheerful? Let him  
sing psalms.

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Matt. 22:30



<sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection  
 they neither marry nor are  
 given in marriage, but are  
 like angels of God in  
 heaven.

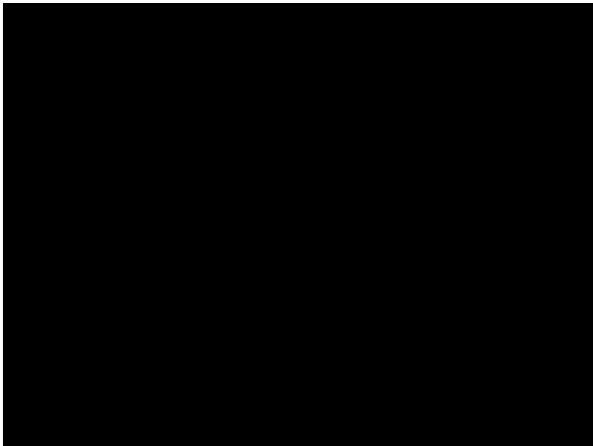
- Demonstrates  
 that difference in  
 what do on earth  
 and in heaven
- Answer to  
 argument that  
 harps in heaven

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### Conclusions Music in Worship

- Only authorized worship is acceptable to God
- Only "singing" is authorized
- Instrument: heart
- Only find "singing" whether worship was in assembly or elsewhere

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