

Why do we only sing? & Why isn't everyone singing?

Who ordained instrumental music in the worship of God in the Old Testament? There is no command by God in the law of Moses to praise Him with musical instruments. The first account we find is when Miriam and the women praised God with timbrels and sang because of the Red Sea Crossing. Moses sang a song earlier. They did it out of love for God. (Exodus 15:1-21) The first organized temple praise with instruments was in Solomon's Temple. King David ordained this type of music.

II Chronicles 29: 20 - 36 records Hezekiah restoring the temple worship and vs. 25 says that he set the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals---- harps according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer (prophet), and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets. This suggests that God possibly ordered musical instruments through the prophets. That, or the commandment of the Lord phrase was referring only to the leadership position given by God to the tribe of Levi and not to the appointment of instrument players. Some try to downplay God's pleasure with David's instruments of music by quoting Amos 6:5 which reads, " vs. 1 Woe to them ---- vs. 5 that chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of music like David. Here the problem seems to be (if taken in the context of the chapter) laziness, being wrapped up in luxuries, not focussing on God ect.. David's instruments were to praise God. These were for themselves -- to entertain themselves. But does what God allowed, or even ordained, in the Old Testament automatically become the New Testament pattern. **NO** Moses allowed men to divorce for any reason but Jesus said, from the beginning it was not so -- only in the case of fornication. (Matthew 19: 1-9) Hebrews plainly teaches that the Old Law was abolished so that the new Law (a better covenant) could be put in place. The book of Hebrews as well as other New Testament scriptures teaches that the New Covenant is a law of the heart, of the inward man, and not of physical ordinances. (Hebrews 8:10) (Romans 7:22 - 8:1)

(I Corinthians 3:16-17) Our bodies are now the temple of God. Circumcision is now not made with hands. Christ is now the Most High Priest and we are now kings and priests. The blood of bulls and goats are not sacrificed, Christ was once sacrificed for all. So when the New Covenant pattern and teaching is to sing and make melody in your hearts to the Lord then we shouldn't try to go back to the Old Testament allowances or patterns here either. We should **ALL** just sing and **ALL** sing. (Col. 3:15-17) (Eph. 5:17-20) (Matt.26:30) (Acts 16:25) (I Cor. 14:15) (Heb. 13:15) (James 5:13) **Please join in as we sing praises to our Lord.**