

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR “SINGING”

1. What did the authors of the *Catholic Encyclopedia* mean when they wrote: “The first Christians were **of too spiritual a fiber** to substitute lifeless instruments for, or to use them to accompany, the human voice”?
2. Why did John Calvin, in his commentary on Psalms, say, “Musical instruments, in celebrating the praises of God, would be no more suitable than the burning of incense or the lighting up of lamps?”
3. J.H. Garrison of the Christian Church said, “There is no command in the New Testament, Greek or English, commanding the use of the instrument.” Is this true? If so, what is the implication of such a statement?
4. Charles Spurgeon said, “I would as soon attempt to pray to God with machinery as to sing to him with machinery.” Can either one of those things be accomplished?
5. According to Matthew 28:18, where does “all authority” lie in religion?
6. According to John 12:48, what will judge us in the last day?
7. What point was God making to King Saul when He said, “To obey is better than to sacrifice” (1 Sam. 15:22)?
8. How does God’s statement to King Saul (from question #7 above) impact us today?
9. According to Numbers 4:15 and 2 Samuel 6:7, why did God slay Uzzah when he was only trying to help?
10. How, according to Colossians 3:17, are we to carry out our worship to God?
11. What did God tell us to do in Ephesians 5:19?
12. What did God tell us to do in Colossians 3:16?
13. How should the principle of how God dealt with Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10 impact our worship today?
14. What do such passages as Ephesians 2:14-15 and Colossians 2:14 have to do with the argument that instruments of music were used in the Old Testament?
15. When people ask, “What is wrong with instrumental music in worship to God?,” what should be our response?
16. According to Ephesians 5:19, what “instrument” are we to use to make our melody for the Lord?
17. Hebrews 13:15 speaks of “the fruit of our lips” being offered to God. Do instruments of music fall into that category?