

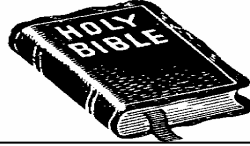
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## MECHANICAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP – LESSON 3

- An Aid vs. An Accompaniment ---- In Acapella Music** Definitions: An **Aid** is *an assisting device*. An **Accompaniment** is *an instrumental or vocal part designed to complement a melody*. It is sometimes argued that instrumental music is to acapella music what a walking cane is to a lame person. Can we deduce that a lame man needs a cane? \_\_\_\_ Do you have any doubt that a lame man needs his cane? \_\_\_\_ God authorized only acapella music. Do you think God didn't know that instrumental music was needed please Him? \_\_\_\_ Are acapella and instrumental music both music? \_\_\_\_ Each is a separate thing and can exist without the other. A worship service can have one or both. One can stand without the other! Can the truly lame man *walk* without his cane? \_\_\_\_ The cane is necessary. It is not in the same class as walking; it is not co-ordinate to walking. The instrument and acapella music are co-ordinates. So, the instrument is not an aid, rather *an addition*. What does (Prov 30:6) say in this regard? \_\_\_\_\_ . Song books do the same thing for acapella singing that the cane does for the lame man.
- It Is Said Where There Is No Law There Can Be No Transgression – That There Is No Law Against Instrumental Music In Worship** There is no stated law against adding mashed potatoes to the Lord's Supper. To "transgress" means to trespass, to go beyond prescribed limits. (2 Jn 9) "*Whosoever \_\_\_\_\_, and abideth not in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, hath not God.*" If one goes beyond what God has authorized, is it really the case that he "hath not God"? \_\_\_\_ The law of God is to *sing* (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16). Is it a transgression to go beyond this? \_\_\_\_ Is instrumental music going beyond what is commanded? \_\_\_\_ Is adding mechanical music in worship a transgression?
- The Apostles Went Into The Jewish Synagogues At The "Hour Of Prayer" And It Is Said This Warrants Apostolic Approval Of Instrumental Music** (a) It cannot be proven there was instrumental music in the synagogues at this time. (b) It is only assumption that the apostles participated in the service. Were the synagogue Jews worshipping Jesus? \_\_\_\_ If not, it was vain worship. Why were the apostles there? \_\_\_\_\_ Would the apostles of Jesus worship with those who denied Him (Jn 1:11)? \_\_\_\_ That would be about like pledging allegiance aloud to two countries at the same time. Assumptions are dangerous! Without book, chapter, and verse, it is impossible to give a "*thus saith the lord.*" This expression is used 415X KJV.
- The Little Greek Verb Psallo – Does It Mean Play An Instrument?** We are discussing usage in the OT. The GK verb *psallo* is used in some form only 5X in the NT. Four times it is translated "*sing.*" Once it is translated "*make melody.*" Some contend that *psallo* means *to pluck* or *twang* on the strings of an instrument, to play an instrument in the NT. Is it that hard to study the 5X it is used? \_\_\_\_ What will you find? Will you find some musical instrument named? Every verb has an object. Determine the object in these five verses. Isn't this the honest way to study the Bible? \_\_\_\_ Will you conclude that acapella. not instrumental. music is commanded? Let's advance!