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Old Testament

- A. Mechanical instruments authorized under Old Law
(2 Chro. 29:25-28; Ps. 33:2-3, 81:1-3, 92:1-4, 150:3-5;
Neh. 12:27; Amos 6:5; etc.)
- B. We are not under the Old Law (Col. 2:14-17; Gal. 5:1-4; etc.)
- C. We must follow Christ's authority today (Matt. 28:18; Col. 3:17)

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New Testament

- A. Commanded to sing (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19)
- B. Can't teach or admonish with mechanical instrument (Col. 3:16)
- C. Melody made with heart, not mechanical instrument (Eph. 5:19)
- D. Praise is offered vocally via the lips (Heb. 13:15)
- E. Apostles sang without mechanical instruments, even outside of the church assembly (Matt. 26:30; Acts 16:25)

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Authority Matters

- A. Nadab & Abihu punished for unauthorized worship (Lev. 10:1-2)
- B. When God specifies, we cannot disregard it (Gen. 6:14)
- C. When God specifies, His silence excludes (Heb. 7:14)
- D. Must not go beyond what is written (1 Cor. 4:6; Rev. 22:18-19)