

## GOD CARES HOW WE SING

Do you follow God's ways in your decisions (marriage, divorce, eating)? When God has revealed His will for us, we must only do what He permits without adding or subtracting.

About music, God said: *...teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.* (Col. 3:16). What did God say to do with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs? Sing. He did not say to play songs, so why is that common? If you play songs, do you add jelly to the unleavened bread or burn incense as worship? Some justify playing by saying "God did not say it is wrong," but where did God say cannibalism was wrong? Learn what is right by what God has said. Playing songs to worship God is no more pleasing than was Nadab and Abihu's fire "which God had not commanded."

While some people think this issue is only important to the churches of Christ, many church founders and leaders spoke against playing songs (Calvin, Spurgeon, Wesley, Adam Clarke). God and man's record of history affirms that the first Christians did not play musical instruments but simply did what God said without addition or subtraction: sing.