

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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Charting Changes in the Music of the Church

Ephesians 5:19 • Colossians 3:16

A. D. 30 { From the beginning of the church until the 5th century, the church sang without the accompaniment of mechanical instruments

5TH CENTURY A.D. { Mechanical instruments of music were introduced by what was quickly to become the Roman Catholic Church

5TH CENTURY A.D. { Roman Catholicism introduces the use of the organ as accompaniment in worship

16TH CENTURY A.D. { Mechanical instrumental accompaniment in worship was unaimously opposed by all the great Reformation leaders

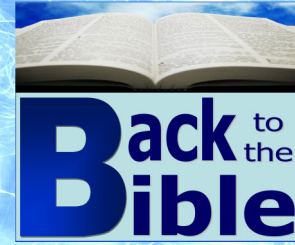
JOHN WESLEY - "I have no objections to instruments of music in our chapels, provided they are neither heard nor seen"

JOHN CALVIN - "Musical instruments in celebrating the praises of God would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, the lighting of lamps, and the restoration of the other shadows of the law."

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH REMAINS TRUE TO SINGING WITHOUT MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTAL ACCOMPANIMENT!

MELODY IS TO BE MADE IN THE HEART (Eph. 5:19) NOT ON AN INSTRUMENT!

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Sunday
 Bible Study:.... 10:00am
 AM Worship:..11:00am
 PM Worship:....6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
 Sunday:.....7:30am
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 Welcome
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I Know Your Works

Jim Bullington

When it comes to dealing with others, a thorough knowledge of their motives and methods can be invaluable. When it comes to dealing with humanity, God has, to put it mildly, a distinct advantage. You see, the fact is He made us. Just like the artist who sculpts a work of art knows every line, every crease, and even every imperfection, God knows us.

When John penned the book of Revelation, the Lord told him to write to the church at Ephesus, "I know your works..." (Revelation 2.2). He told him to write to the church at Smyrna, "I know your works..." (Revelation 2.9). He told John to write to the church at Pergamos, "I know your works..." (Revelation 2.13). Jesus told him to write to the church at Thyatira, "I know your works..." (Revelation 2.19). He told him to write to the church at Sardis, "I know your works..." (Revelation 3.1). Jesus told John to write to the church at Philadelphia, "I know your works..." (Revelation 3.8). And finally, He told John to write to the church at Laodicea, "I know your works..." (Revelation 3.15). Even the most cursory reading of the chapters 2 and 3 of the Apocalypse shouts aloud one principle fact, i.e., "The Lord knows our works!"

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Now let us turn the tables around. What do we know of God? Well we know some things because He chose to reveal them. However, the simple fact is this: We know nothing of God except that which He chose to reveal! He exists in a dimension not defined by time or space. God is not contained in the universe which limits man; rather He transcends the universe. Man can know a great deal about our universe; in fact, he has discovered amazing facts about our universe. However, man can only know things outside his universe if and when God chooses to reveal them.

Job stated it this way, "He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number." (Job 9.10). Years later, Paul would repeat those same words, "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Romans 11.33). The wise man put it this way: "As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything." (Ecclesiastes 11.5). The great God and Creator of our universe is incomprehensible to humanity. We know of Him only that which He wills for us to know. We may through research discover millions upon millions of facts about our material universe, but not one fact about God's character can be discovered that way. We simply do not have the ability to know God apart from that which He has revealed.

To summarize: God knows us and He knows our works. Concerning God, we know only that which He wishes us to know and that which is within our capacity to learn. The first biblical writer stated, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever..." (Deuteronomy 29.29). Considering these brief facts, we would be well advised to give it a second thought the next time we think to outsmart God. To put it in the common vernacular – "It ain't gonna happen!"

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"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled" (II Corinthians 10:3-6).

I Walked the Path

-- A.C.Williams (from the Minister's Monthly, November 1961)

I walked the path of suffering -- I thought I was alone;
But soon I learned that others had heartaches like my own.
A legion came to join me -- an understanding throng;
To share and bear our burdens -- heal suffering with song.

I found courage in their handclasp -- I found patience in their calm;
I found hope in faith's assurance -- I found healing in their balm.
I'm not alone in suffering -- I'm not alone in tears;
For those who weep with those who weep can wipe away my tears.

And too, when sore affliction comes -- a dreary, rainy day;
I look inside my heart and find rich blessings stored away.
I take them from a treasure chest -- and count them o'er;
And think how good God's been to men -- why don't we trust Him more?

If all were sun and sunshine -- if clouds would never weep;
Would little flowers lift their heads -- would sowers ever reap?
The valleys down below us, but emphasize the heights;
Low-hanging clouds about us are pierced with shafts of light.

If sickness never hindered, and pain ne'er wrecked our frame;
Would days of health be cherished, if suffering never came?
In deeps of life's great ocean, may suffering be pearled;
And in the days of reck'ning be a gem of heaven's world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dec 4 – Men's Bus. Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class after Evening Worship
- Dec 11 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship & Congregational Meeting following
- Nov 25 – Prayer Service
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell