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Is it Wrong to Play Mechanical Instruments in the Church?



Minister Maxie of Lufkin, Texas writes:

Praise the Lord saints of the most high God. I give all the honor to the man of God, Bishop V. Bush, for letting the spirit continue to use him. I give honor to the ministers, deacons, brothers, mothers, sisters and children.

Question: "Is it wrong to play mechanical instruments in the new testament Church"?

Answer: No. There is nowhere in the scripture where God ever told his people not to play a mechanical instrument in the new testament church. However, he did say blessed is the people that know the joyful sound. In the book of Acts 15:16-17 it reads, "After this I will return, and will begin again the tabernacle of David,

which is fallen down: and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up; that the residue of men might seek after the Lord and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called said the Lord, who doeth all these things."

What is the definition of Psalms? The English word, Psalm come from the Greek Septuagint translation of the Hebrew word "Mizmor", a word meaning Melody of Praise, sung to a harp originally performed on a stringed instrument. Now let's start in the book of Psalms 33 1-3. It reads, "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings, Sing unto him a new song, play skillfully with a loud noise." Psalms 87: 4- 7 reads, *I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there. And of Zion it shall*

be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah. As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee this man was born there."

Colossians 3:16 reads, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns." This mean playing on stringed instruments along with the spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Ephesians 5:18-19 states, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Now some people say that mechanical instruments can't speak, but it can if you listen to the sound thereof. Someone may say, name that tune or this song and you can if you know the song.

As you can see, God's people still have mechanical musical instruments in the new testament church. May the Lord bless you all. Peace be.

Minister Darryl Smith of Riverdale, Maryland writes:



Is It Wrong To Play Mechanical Musical Instruments In the Church Today?

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. First giving honor to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who allowed me to hear the gospel and get

Minister Smith continued....

pricked in the heart to repent of my sins and go down in water in Jesus' name and not many days after that, He filled me with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. Giving honor to my pastor, Bishop V. Bush, who preaches the whole truth gospel of Jesus Christ. Giving honor to all the elders, ministers, deacons, and to all the people of the Most High God, I say, Praise the Lord!

Psalms 87:5-7 *"And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man were born in her, and the Highest Himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah. The singers as well as the players ON INSTRUMENTS shall be there; all my springs are in thee."*

According to this psalm, The Church, the people of God who are born again and fellowship with musical instruments in the church is okay and biblical for today!

Peace and love be multiplied!

Minister Nelson and Deacon Nelson of Olive Branch, MS writes:

Is it alright to have mechanical musical instruments in the church?

Yes it is alright to have musical instruments in the church. In the book of Psalm 150:1-5 *"Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in the firmament of*

his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

These are musical instruments and so it is alright to have them in the church.

Peace be unto you

Deacon Turner of Dallas, Texas writes:

Praise the Lord saints and giving honor to the man of God Bishop V. Bush. Truly it's a great honor to be in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith where the truth is preached in it fullness and the standard of our Lord is lifted.

No! it is not wrong to play a mechanical musical instrument in the new testament Church. There is no scripture that condemns playing a mechanical music instrument in the new testament church. The scripture tells me in the book of 2 Timothy 3:16- 17 *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."* So if I want to know how to worship God in his sanctuary I check the scriptures to

make my calling and election sure. The apostles were our

example and they preached to the whole world and they preached music in the new testament church. The Apostle Paul said in the book of Corinthians 15: 1- 2. *"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."* The apostles preached music in the new testament Church and the apostles got it from Jesus. Jesus told them in Matthew 28:19-20 *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

In the book of Ephesians 5:19, the scriptures says, *"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"* Psalms mean to sing along with the music, to pluck and twitch with a string instrument. Hymns mean composed songs are sung with congregation. Spiritual songs means to praise God in the highest of praise. You have some Bishops preaching that playing a mechanical instrument in the new testament Church is wrong and it is not scriptural. They will tell you that was done in the old testament under the law. And we don't live in the old testament we are not

under the law because Jesus came to destroy the law. The scriptures never said that and it was never peached by the apostles nor Jesus. Jesus came to fulfill the law and the prophets because they spoke of his coming and not to destroy the law but to fulfill it. In the book of Matthew 5: 17. *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill."* The word of God has been preached from generation to generation. His word will never change though you may have men try to change the word of God to their own advantage to make you believe that it is wrong to play an mechanical instrument in the new testament church. The apostles told us of this very day would come. Acts 20: 29. *"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."* After Jesus has risen from the dead he brought back to their attention. When he appeared unto them and the door being shut. In Luke 24 : 44. And he said unto them, *"These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."* He called their attention from the beginning and he spoke of psalms. Then Apostle James picked it up in the book of

Deacon Turner continued...

Acts 15: 13 thru 19. "And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God." It didn't say anything about not to play music in the new testament Church. Just like the scriptures said in Matthew 5:17 he come to fulfill the law and the prophets. May god help you may God bless you.

What Does Being Found Faithful Mean To Me?

Mother Eva of Lufkin, Texas writes:

First I like to give all my glory and honor to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Double honor to Bishop V. Bush, the ministers, and all the saints of God. Being found faithful to God to me means doing everything he commanded us to do. Obeying His commandments, repenting of my sins, being filled with the holy ghost speaking in tongues as the spirit gave me utterance. Being faithful, honest, and truthful to God and continue in his word. Don't just be a hearer but to be a doer as well. God bless you all. Peace be. Mother Eva

Sister Barbara of Lufkin, Texas writes:

I like to give all the glory and honor to our Lord and Saviour Jesus. Double honor to Bishop V. Bush, the ministers, and all the saints of God. Being found faithful to God means, doing everything he commanded us to do without a spot, blemish, or wrinkle. Being that holy saint without blame and continue on unto the end with all subjection. That's what being found faithful to God means to me.

Sister Yolanda of Lufkin, Texas writes:

Praise The Lord Saints. I give all the glory and honor to our

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and to Bishop V. Bush for preaching the truth and nothing but the truth, and to Minister Maxie as well and all the men of God.

What does being found faithful to God means to me?

Is to live a holy and spiritual life before the Lord, with no sin in our lives. Continuing on unto the end doing everything according to the scripture, and keeping everyone of his commandments that he put before us to do with love. Peace be saints. Sis Yolanda

Sister Angela of Lufkin, Texas writes:

First I want to give all my glory and honour to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Double honour to Bishop V. Bush, and to the ministers, and all the true saints of the most high God. Being found faithful to God to me means: Being 100% real with God, standing on his word, and being obedient to all his commandments, doing everything I know is right to do. To stay true and faithful, to walk up right, to do all that my heart's desire to do for God. Believing on the one and only creator, and pleasing God by doing what he wants me to do. It's a blessing to live for God. God promised me something no man can give, and that's eternal life. I'm here to stay, and I'm very determine to run on to the end.

Sis Angela

Sister Sholanda of Lufkin, Texas writes:

Praise the Lord. I give all my glory and honor to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Double honor to the man of God Bishop Bush, and to all the ministers and the saints of God. What does being found faithful to God means to me? Obeying every word of God that's being preached in the true gospel that God has set up for us all. Having a clean and holy temple before the lord. Doing all that I know what's right in the sight of God, being found blameless of sin, being about the lords work every day of my life that the lord bless me with. Also, letting the Lord lead and guide me to all things that's right, and fulfilling the word of God.

God bless all Sis Sholanda

Sister Conta of Lufkin, Texas writes:

First of all I will like to give all my glory and honor to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, double honor to the man of God Bishop V. Bush, and to the ministers, deacons, and saints. What does being found faithful to God mean to me? I want to be found walking by his word and obeying his commandments and his statues, and being faithful to the end, being found perfect in God. I want God to find me without a spot, wrinkle, or blemish so I may be ready when he come. 99 and a half is

What Does Being Found Faithful Mean To Me? *Continued.....*

not going to do. I want to be found 100% in harmony with the word of God. I want to be wrapped up, tied up, tangled all up in Jesus. I want to be found faithful in everything so that God can say well done my good and faithful servant having the whole armour of God on. I'm praying that we all make it into the kingdom of heaven and be ready when he come.

Peace be love you all
Sis Conta

*Sister Suprina of Lufkin,
Texas writes:*

Praise the Lord saints. I give all the glory and honor to my Lord Jesus Christ, double honor to Bishop V. Bush, and to all the ministers that preaching the true word of God, and doing the true will of God. What does being found faithful to God means to me? It means to always be obedient to the word of God. Always listen to the spirit of God. To have a clean heart, a clean mind, and always be ready to do what God wants you to do. Stay being faithful to God. May God bless you all. Peace be Sis. Suprina

*Sister Linzetta of Lufkin,
Texas writes:*

Praise the Lord saints. I give all the glory and honor to my Lord Jesus Christ, and double honor to Bishop Bush. Being faithful to God is to obey the

word of his commandments. Being found faithful also include doing good deeds according to His work. And living the right way that God want s you to live. Being kind to your enemies and walking according to his will. Let the spirit lead you and guide you through his commandments. Always believe in the word of God and be faithful to God.

Peace be unto you all.
Sis. Lynn

*Sister Cathy of Lufkin, Texas
writes:*

(Poem)

Oh how faithful is the Lord thy God and all his works. The mighty God of heaven and earth and creator of all things.

I will cry out and shout out unto his holy name for I'm not ashamed.

I must worship the Lord thy God and only him will I serve.

I give all my mind, heart and soul and hope to stand before God whole.

Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I want to be found perfect in this faithful way as a faithful servant.

So meek and humble but not in stumble pure and sure for God is near.

I will continue to keep the promise of faith in my heart.

For the promise of faith is the promise of healing.

For the promise of healing is the promise of living.

For the promise of living is the promise of giving.

For the promise of giving is the promise of God.

For the promise of God is eternal life.

Faithfully yours in Christ
Sis. Cathy

*Sister Norma Carter of
Dallas, Texas writes:*

Giving honor to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to our pastor Bishop V. Bush and all the saints.

Being found faithful to God means, I will always find myself walking and abiding in the commandments of God. Obeying the word with the fear of God in my heart. Giving up everything that's contrary to the standard that God set in his Church. Not walking after my own lust and desires, willing and ready to put the flesh to death, that I might please God. I'm continuing for the faith that

was once delivered to the saints.

Peace Be Unto You

*Sister Katryce Bush of Dallas,
Texas writes:*

I give honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and honor to Bishop Bush, the ministers and the household of faith.

Being found faithful to God means that I walk according to the teachings of the word of the Lord. I must do everything that the church teaches me to do. I ask that the saints continue to pray for me and each and every day I am continuing to strive to go higher heights in the Lord.

Peace be, Sis. Katryce

*Sister Flora Nelson of Olive
Branch, Mississippi writes:*

Praise the Lord saints and honor to Bishop Bush and all the saints.

What does being found faithful to God mean to you?

I have found favor in the sight of God knowing he always is there in the time of trouble to see me though and to bring me out with victory.

Keep me in your prayer.

Peace be unto you. Sis. Flora Nelson

What Does Being Found Faithful Mean To Me? *Continued.....*

Sister Malinda Nelson of Olive Branch, Mississippi writes:

Praise the Lord and honor to Bishop Bush and all the saints.

To be found faithful is to be faithful in all of the dispensation of the gospel. It means knowing that God is pleased with you for that you have obeyed in all things which he will have you to do.

Peace be Sis. Malinda Nelson

Brother Kevin Bush of Dallas, Texas writes:

Praise the Lord saints. Being found faithful to God means that we have to strive to stay right with God. We have to come up to everything that is preached. We have to examine ourselves and deny ourselves.

Peace be,

Bro. Kevin Bush

Apostolic Fellowship Meeting Olive Branch, MS

The week of June 17 - 23, 2013 the saints came together in Olive Branch, MS for the Annual Apostolic Fellowship Meeting.



Bishop Bush (Center), Minister Nelson and Minister Maxie at the Apostolic Fellowship Meeting.



Minister Jackson and little Isaiah playing a selection on the drums during the Children's program.



Dorsett, Jr., Jamarion singing a song on the Children's Program Friday night, June 21st, 2013.



The Children of Lufkin, Texas singing a song on the Children's program.



The saints during service in Olive Branch, MS.



Mother Eva singing a solo during the Adult Program Saturday night, June 22, 2013.

Apostolic Sister's Day Program

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”

Psalm 96:9

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On this Sunday, the sisters of The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith of Dallas and Lufkin, Texas and Olive Branch, Mississippi came together to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth in honor of our Annual Sister's Day. Sisterhood in fellowship and unity in Christ is important and was expressed on this Sunday.

Preparations were made to render unto the Lord a program for the glory and praise to Him alone. We know that God is worthy and due all honor.

When considering the teaching of the word, we can see that the godly women of old are esteemed and continue to be examples even to this day as to how women ought to be. And so, the sisters take heed and are not ashamed to

mimic the ways of these women in their lives today.

As the program for that day got underway, the march song entitled “Be Exalted, O God” was sung with voices lifted up with strength. A diversity of poems, songs, testimonies and encouraging words were given for the purpose of spiritually uplifting all that were present. Each mother and women supervisor was specially recognized with a ribbon in their honor. We are true apostolic women and so we are peculiar and unique in this present world in that we model the attributes of holy women of God.

As **Mary, the mother of Jesus** was a humble handmaid chosen by God to bring the savior into this world, we also should be likewise submitting totally to the will of the Lord.

As Timothy's mother, **Eunice** and his grandmother, **Lois** which were examples of faith and as according to the scripture in 2 Timothy 1:5 they

had unfeigned faith in them which was also in him.

We are to be as a **gracious woman** that retain honor according to Proverbs 11:16. As our pastor Bishop Bush has taught, we can even see by 1 Peter 3:3 how we as women should dress ourselves, *“Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:”*

And so the women of the church play an important role in this wonderful plan of salvation. We count it a blessing to be a partaker. May the Lord continue to bless the sisters that we remain faithful and obedient to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie
down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the
still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he
leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his
name's sake.

Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou
anointest my head with
oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I
will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.

I'm A Woman

I'm a woman, a woman in Christ.

I'm someone's mother, wife, sister, aunt and grandmother.

I'm a woman purchased by God's mercy.

I'm a woman bought by a love that would spare no cost.

A woman God made for his glory.

Lord! make me a woman of your heart.

A woman of your truth.

Make me a woman of meekness, and humbleness.

A woman of encouragement, faith and patience.

A woman of joy, strength, hope and peace.

A holy woman loving you and you only.

Lord make me to be a witness for you shining a light that will lead me to you Lord.

Make me that upright woman of your being doing 100%.

A woman to walk in the path of righteousness.

A woman of true standards.

I'm a woman bound by the grace that you love (Lord) endures forever.

Written by Sis. Angela Robertson.

Happy Father's Day

Bishop V. Bush



F - Friend
A - Admired
T- Teacher
H - Helper
E - Example
R - Rock

The saints of Dallas met at a local restaurant with Bishop V. Bush to honor him for Father's Day. It was a pleasure as well as an honor to be with him on this day. After dining, we presented him with a few gifts to show our love. We are thankful and very appreciative to the Lord for having him in our lives. He is a true father and support to many. We esteem him highly and give him all the honor and respect that he so well deserve. A great patriarch and as our pastor and overseer, he stands very tall and continues to teach, lead and guide the saints in the way of the Lord.

We pray that the Lord will continue to keep and strengthen him in these last and evil days. May the Lord bless you Bishop Bush and keep you strong!

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Romans 3

What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)

God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?

For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

Please help us in continuing to promote the **APOSTOLIC NEWSLETTER** by offering your suggestions and feedback. If you have a story or photo you would like to see published, please submit any inquiries and information to Bro. Gordon Turner (gordonturner01@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

Announcements

Calendar of Events - 2013

Annual Apostolic Sister's Day

Sunday, May 12th

- 3015 South Malcolm X Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75215
- Program starts at 12:00 noon

Annual Apostolic Youth Fellowship Meeting

Monday June 17th - Sunday June 23rd

- 12300 Miller Road, Olive Branch MS 38654
- Services start nightly at 7:30PM and Sunday morning at 11:00AM

Annual Apostolic Fellowship Meeting

Monday August 12th - Sunday August 18th

- 3015 South Malcolm X Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75215
- Services start nightly at 7:30PM and Sunday morning at 11:00AM

49th Church Anniversary

Thursday, November 28th - Sunday, December 1st

- 3015 South Malcolm X Boulevard
Dallas, TX 75215
- Services start nightly at 7:30PM and Sunday morning at 11:00AM
- If you would like CDs of the services, let us know. CDs are \$5.00 each. If you would like VHS or DVDs of our main events, the VHS tapes and DVDs are \$10.00 each.
- Remember to pray every day at 12:00 noon. (Also, remember the sick in your prayers.)

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