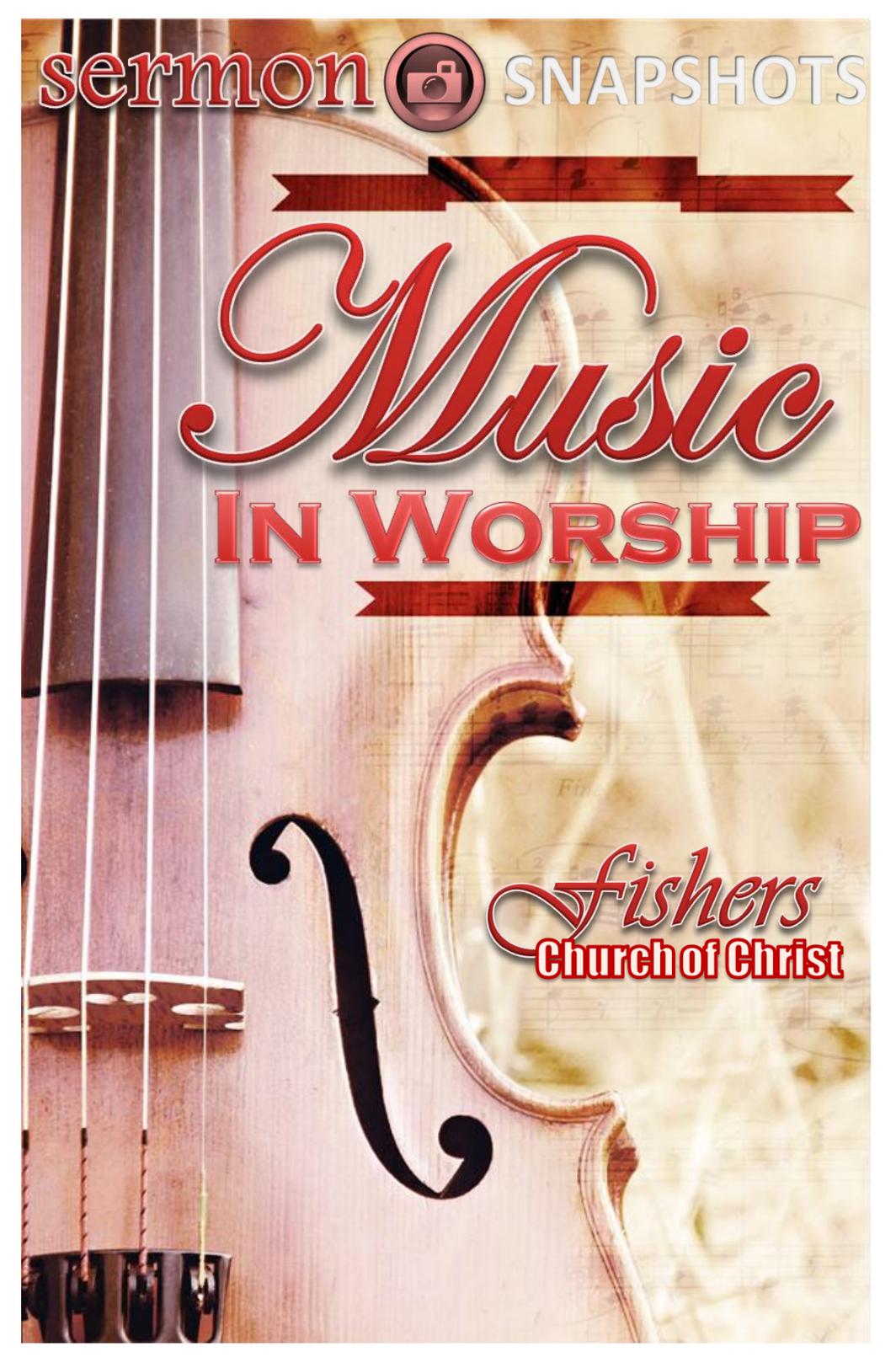


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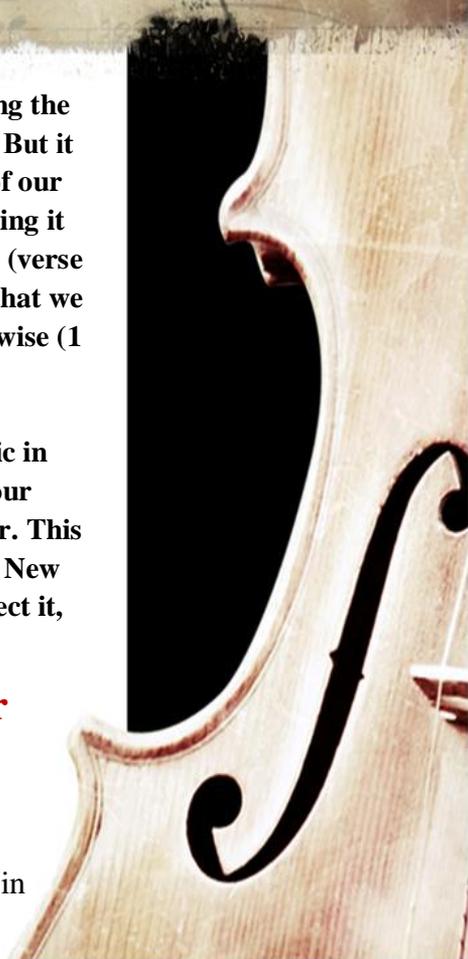
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1 Corinthians 14:23-26 was written during the age of miracles (see verse 23, “tongues”). But it does give a glimpse into the assemblies of our brethren in the first century. And one thing it shows is that they gathered to sing psalms (verse 26, and compare verse 15). To the extent that we can follow their example, we must do likewise (1 Corinthians 11:1).

Let's study the important topic of music in worship and hopefully after reading our snapshot you have a few things to consider. This is what the Bible teaches about music in New Testament worship. Let us learn it, respect it,

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Music in Worship

Let's note some preliminary truths...

- We must have “authorization” for ALL that we do in service to God (Colossians 3:17; 2 John 9-11)
- Authorization comes by *command* (1 Corinthians 14:37), *example* (1 Corinthians 11:1), *implication* (Hebrews 7:12)

Our music must be *worshipful* (Hebrews 13:15)

- The main purpose of singing is NOT to entertain self or others, but to worship God!
- This is why we do not have solos, duets, and choirs – things that tend to entertain!

Our music must be *spiritual* (1 Corinthians 14:15)

- Worship is not simply a “ritual,” but must proceed from a proper attitude (i.e., spirit)
- If our “heart” is not in it, then it’s not worship at all, but a vain ritual! (Matthew 15:8-9)

Our music must be *instructional* (Colossians 3:16)

- Not only do we worship, but we teach (edify) one another! Songs are easily remembered!
- This also governs subject matter for music: *psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs* vs. secular

Our music must be *personal* (Colossians 3:16)

- Note, too, that we must teach and admonish “*one another*” (each one must sing!)
- No one can sing FOR you – i.e., by proxy! It is a *personal* command for each saint!

Our music must be *vocal* (Ephesians 5:19)

- Note: “*speaking...singing*” – VOCAL music! Instruments are simply NOT authorized!
- Just as “bread & fruit of the vine” **exclude** other items in communion, so “sing” excludes play

-Lanny Smith



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