

Christian Music – A Sacrifice of Praise

Various Scriptures

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Who is authorized to teach on music?**
- B. Why add more controversy to the church?**

Key thought: Music *reflects* and *influences* your view of God.

A.W. Tozer: “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

A.W. Tozer: “The essence of idolatry is to entertain thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him.”

II. The Bible Regards a Believer’s Music as a Reflection of Our View of God.

A positive example – Psalm 150

A negative example – Exodus 32

III. The Bible Regards Music as Having the Power to Change or Influence Us.

I Samuel 16:14-23

Saul was influenced physically.

Saul was influenced mentally.

Saul was influenced spiritually.

Everyday life teaches this as well.

If a church does not set the theology of its music, the music will begin to set the theology of the church.

What then?

IV. We Must Have a Biblical View of God from Scripture-Saturated Minds.

Colossians 3:16

What kind of God is God?

Let us not be ‘second-handers’ when it comes to the knowledge of God.

V. We Must View Christian Music as a Sacrifice of Praise, Not as a Consumable

Hebrews 13:15: “*Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.*”

A. Sacrifice is a statement of value.

A consumerist says: "This music ought to entertain me."

David said "*I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.*"
(II Samuel 24:24)

B. Sacrifice is a statement of excellence.

The consumerist attitude: "*When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? Says the Lord of hosts.*" (Malachi 1:8)

The sacrificial attitude: The Temple Singers. (I Chronicles chapters 6, 15, 25)

Note: Sacrifice for God costs us, but it does not ultimately harm us.

VI. CONCLUSION

What is your view of God?

Does your music reflect a majestic God?