

# MUSIC (PT. 1)

## VARIOUS

Text: Psalms 33:1-4

Introduction:

There is a vast difference between music and noise, but unfortunately some people do not appreciate the fact!

Music is attractive, soothing, and wonderful; noise is offensive, unappealing, and without merit.

Webster's Dictionary defines music as: "The art and science of combining vocal or instrumental sounds or tones in varying harmony or rhythm."

We are living in a day where there is many issues regarding music within and outside the church.

Again my intent is not to be hateful but helpful.

There has been much debate, disagreements, and divisions in churches over this subject, but we must side with God's Word.

I want to make a few introductory statements regarding music before we get into this subject in detail.

## 1. Music is powerful.

- It has the power to communicate.

Illustrations: (Songs written in the 60's)

Communicated a theme of protest, protesting the war, authority.

- It has the power to inspire
- It has the power to motivate

It has the power to change

## 2. Music Has a Purpose

The main purpose of music is to praise and honor the Lord. The book of Psalms is full of examples of singing praise to the Lord.

- Music was also used as a source of comfort.

### **1 Samuel 16:14-16**

*<sup>14</sup> But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. <sup>15</sup> And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. <sup>16</sup> Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to*

*pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.*

**1 Samuel 16:23**

*<sup>23</sup> And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.*

- Music was also used for celebration

See (Exodus 15:1-27)

**1 Samuel 18:6-7**

*<sup>6</sup> And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. <sup>7</sup> And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.*

- Music was also used at the Anointing of a New King

**1 Kings 1:40**

*<sup>40</sup> And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.*

Since music is powerful and purposeful then:

### 3. Music is NOT Neutral

There are many today who say that music is neutral and it's only the words that matter.

Music sets the tone and reinforces words.

With these things being said let us consider some principles and truth this evening regarding the issue of music.

Notice:

## 1. THE ORIGINATION OF MUSIC

### ***Ezekiel 28:12-19***

*<sup>12</sup> Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup> Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. <sup>14</sup> Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the*

*midst of the stones of fire. <sup>15</sup> Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. <sup>16</sup> By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>17</sup> Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. <sup>18</sup> Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. <sup>19</sup> All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.*

We notice also that there it seem to refer to Lucifer (Satan) as having a great deal to do with the music in Heaven prior to his fall.

Note what we learn about Satan:

- Satan was the anointed cherub (vs. 14)

### **Ezekiel 28:14**

<sup>14</sup> Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I

*have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.*

- Satan was adorned with every jewel imaginable (vs. 13)

### **Ezekiel 28:13**

<sup>13</sup> *Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.*

- Satan was full of wisdom (vs. 12)

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He still is using his wisdom today to distract, discourage, detour, and destroy.

- Satan had perfect beauty (vs. 12)

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Again Satan understands how to make things attractive.

- Satan is very persuasive (Rev. 12:4)

***Revelation 12:4***

*<sup>4</sup>And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

He convinced 1/3 of the angels to join him in his rebellion.

- Satan is very powerful

After his fall not even Michael the archangel dared to stand up against him without the Lord's help.

Since his fall Satan has used his abilities to lead away and damn people to Hell.

Note only must we consider the Origination of Music notice also:

## 2. THE CORRUPTION OR MISUSE OF MUSIC (EXODUS 32)

Note Exodus 32

While Moses was upon the mountain receiving the Ten Commandments, the people grew restless.

Note what they did:

### **Exodus 32:1-6**

*<sup>1</sup> And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. <sup>2</sup> And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. <sup>3</sup> And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. <sup>4</sup> And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings;*



*and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.*

But is interesting how the action were described by Joshua.

Note:

***Exodus 32:15-19***

*<sup>15</sup> And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. <sup>16</sup> And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. <sup>17</sup> And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. <sup>18</sup> And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear. <sup>19</sup> And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.*

There was a confusing message being heard – the noise of war.

This leads me to this third point

### 3. THE CONFUSION OF MUSIC (1 CORINTHIANS 14:7-8)

#### **1 Corinthians 14:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> *And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?*

<sup>8</sup> *For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?*

These are mixed messages being heard today with regards to music.

We are going to take a quiz this evening. I put some clips of music on a CD and I would like for you to listen to each clip and write down whether the music is classified as Christian Music or Secular Music

(Play CD)

We must remember that God is not the author of confusion.

The Bible state what music is to be.

Note:

### **Colossians 3:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Close:

There are some seven questions to help determine if music is godly music or not.

1. It is orderly?

### **1 Corinthians 14:40**

<sup>40</sup> *Let all things be done decently and in order.*

2. Is it glorifying to God?

### **1 Corinthians 10:31**

<sup>31</sup> *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

3. Is it true to God's Word?

### **1 Corinthians 14:33**

<sup>33</sup> *For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

4. Is it edifying or just entertaining?

**1 Corinthians 14:26**

<sup>26</sup> *How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.*

5. Is it enlightening to the mind?

**Psalms 46:7**

<sup>7</sup> *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.*

**1 Corinthians 14:7**

<sup>7</sup> *And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?*

6. Is it appealing to the flesh?

**Galatians 5:17**

<sup>17</sup> *For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

7. Is it worship fit for the presence of God?

***Psalm 100:2***

*<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*