



“Sola Scriptura”

Latin: “Scripture Only”

17 How that they told you the words of the which were spoken before Christ; apostles of our Lord Jesus

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time who should walk after their ungodly lusts.

19 These be they who

“The Silence of Scripture”

I Peter 4:11

... he cometh with clouds: every eye shall see him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

TWO VIEWS OF SILENCE:

#1. WHAT THE BIBLE DOES
NOT REJECT IS ALLOWED.

#2. WHAT THE BIBLE DOES
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THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC QUESTION:

#1. IS IT COMMANDED
IN THE NT?

NO!

#2. IS IT PROHIBITED?

NO!

#3. IS IT ALLOWABLE?

YES?

NO?

Hermeneutical Issue

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A QUESTION OF AUTHORITY:

- Where does a Christian find his authority?
 - Matt 28:18
 - Acts 4: 7-10

IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD!

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THREE WAYS TO UNDERSTAND SILENCE

#1: *Unrevealed. A mystery.*
A “secret thing.”

DEUTERONOMY 29:29

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#2. *Incidental things.*

- Not binding. Judgment matters!
- What cannot be changed is the command itself.

Matters of Expediency (1 Cor 6:12)

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#3. *Prohibitive or exclusive.*

- “Not to *add to or take away.*”
- “Not to *exceed what is written.*”

(Deut 4:2, I Cor 4:6)

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RESPECTING GOD'S SILENCE

- *“You shall have no other God's before Me” (Ex 20:3).*
- *“If.. a man or woman worships other gods which I have not commanded ..put them to death” (Deut 17: 2-3, 5).*

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RESPECTING GOD'S SILENCE

- Jesus & the Devil (Matt 4:10).
 - “You shall worship the Lord, your God, and serve Him only.”
- Jesus references Deut 6:13
 - “Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve Him, and shalt swear by His name.”

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Moses warned the prophets

- “The prophet who shall speak a word presumptuously in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, shall die” (Deut 18:20).

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Jeremiah rebuked Judah . .

- *“They built the high places of Baal which I had not commanded them.. It is an abomination” (Jer 32:35).*

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Nadab and Abihu were struck dead . . .

- *“Nadab and Abihu .. Burned incense and offered strange fire from the Lord, which He had not commanded them” (Lev 10:1-2).*

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Letter sent to all the churches

- *“Since we have heard that some of our number to whom we gave no instruction have disturbed you with their words unsettling your souls..” (Acts 15:24).*

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Commands are both inclusive and exclusive

- “For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests” (Heb 7:14).

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Moses and the Passover

Numbers 9: 1-14

- What about us who could not?
 - Moses therefore said to them, "Wait, and I will listen to what the Lord will command concerning you" (Num 9:8).
 - In the **second month** on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it."

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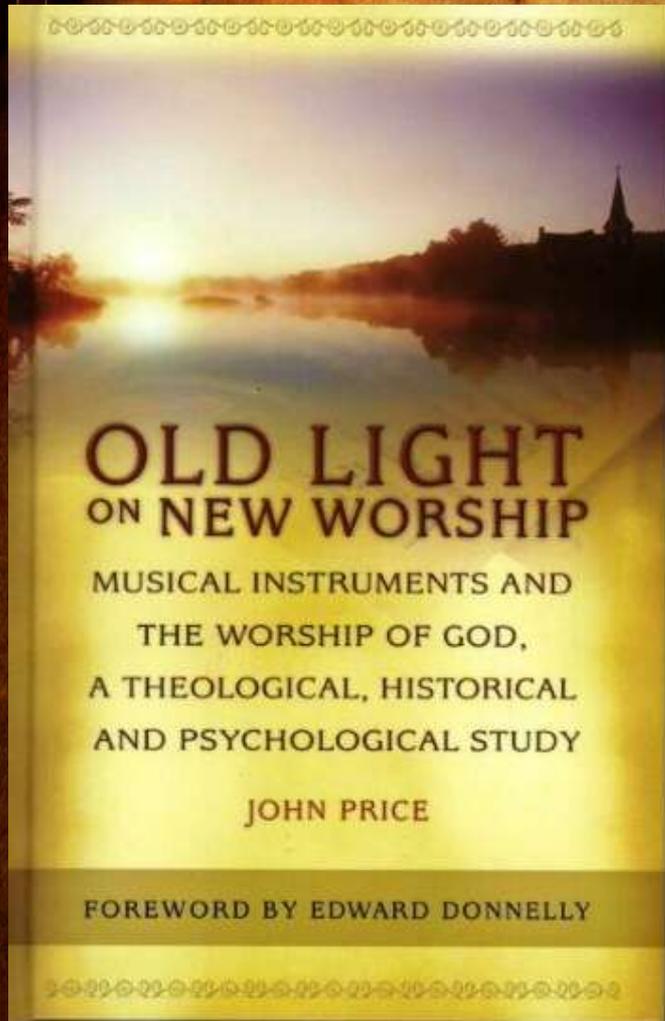
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The issue before us is nothing less than a matter of *sola scriptura*. Will we look to the Scriptures alone to govern our thinking in regard to musical instruments in worship, or will we look to human reasoning? Will we leave this issue where God has left it, or will we add our own thoughts to His word? -John Price, *Old Light on New Worship*, p. 230

Respecting God's Silence

- Man is not free to legislate where the Bible does not speak.
- Doing so causes division & a breakdown of Bible authority.
- Refusing to respect God's silence is serious.

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...of our Lord Jesus
...in the last time,
...walk after their own
...ingodly lusts.
19 These be they who separate

23 And I will be to
...the garment of
24 Now unto him that
...you faultless before
...his glory with exceeding
25 To Saviour, the only wise
...and glory and
...and ever. Amen.

CHAPTER 1

...of Jesus Christ,
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