

SOME 'LEVITICAL' TYPE WORSHIP THOUGHTS !!

People are set apart and music / prophecy are linked:

1 Chronicles 25.1 - *David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals.*

It is about the heart beyond anything else

1 Samuel 16.7 - *But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

People have different instruments with one purpose – just like the church body

1 Chronicles 25.6 - *All these men were under the supervision of their fathers for the music of the temple of the LORD, with cymbals, lyres and harps, for the ministry at the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman were under the supervision of the king.*

People are skilled and trained. Young and old work together and grow in their gifts

1 Chronicles 25.7-8 - *Along with their relatives—all of them trained and skilled in music for the LORD - they numbered 288. Young and old alike, teacher as well as student, cast lots for their duties.*

1 Chronicles 15.22 - *Kenaniah the head Levite was in charge of the singing; that was his responsibility because he was skillful at it.*

1 Samuel 16.17-18 - *So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me." One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him." **Note also** that when David played, the evil spirit departed from Saul. Worship has real power to change lives, to bring righteousness and to drive away evil. It is a weapon!*

Worship is what's inside of you, so feed yourself with God if you want God to come out!

Matthew 12.34 - *Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. What goes in is what comes out!! Make sure what goes in is pure, good, full of God.*

It's about purity, holiness and serving

1 Chronicles 15:27 - *Now David was clothed in a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and as were the singers, and Kenaniah, who was in charge of the singing of the choirs. David also wore a linen ephod. (The church will be dressed in white linen for Christ in Revelation 19 – their righteous acts. So we need to live, think and act rightly too!)*

It's about giving all you have in response back to God

2 Samuel 6.5 (Ark returns) - *David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals.*

It's about keeping and staying fresh and recognising who you are and who God is

Psalms 33.1-3 - *Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.*

Let's ask God for his 'new songs' and for the fullness of His Holy Spirit to lead us to go beyond where Acts left off into something new, fresh and greater!!