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**Is Anything Really Wrong With Choirs and Solos?  
Part 2**

From the “Truth for the World” Website

**HOW DO PEOPLE JUSTIFY CHOIRS AND SOLOS?**

As we can see from history, choirs and solos began outside the formal worship service to God, as is the case with many perversions. However, as their popularity grew, they eventually took the place of God’s pattern for congregational singing. This is why we must address this issue from the standpoint of what is wrong with religious choirs and solos. How do people justify such in today’s religious world?

**Argument 1: “We Are Not In Worship”**

The first argument we always hear in favor of choirs and solos is, “We are not in worship!” Is one to believe the following: Christians can collectively sing a song to praise God in a formal worship service, and then close the service a prayer, thus declaring they are no longer worshipping? After closing the service, they can then sing the same song and say it is not worship because they had already closed out the formal worship service. Can we turn God to “on or off?” Is there some way to determine whether they are worship or not? Yes, there may be some difference in the level or degree of worship in which one engages, but when we sing praises to God, are we not worshipping Him? Are we to believe that worship only takes place in our collective formal worship services? The Bible does not support the idea that worship only takes place in formal assemblies! In fact, we see that people worship at different times in different places, sometimes individually and sometimes collectively.

What about prayer? We would all say that we are worshipping God when we pray to Him in a formal worship service. But, if we close our service, and have another prayer, then are we no longer giving any type of worship (honor, respect, reverence) to God? For our sakes, and to

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Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

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Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Fundamentals of the Faith; Lesson 4  
Bible Authority; part 2 (2 Tim 1:13)

PM Sermon:

What makes a great Nation?

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Daniel – D. Jackson

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be acceptable to God, we must mean and understand what we are doing!

The fact is, when we engage in an act of worship to God whether in formal worship or informal worship, it should be done in spirit and truth, if it is to be acceptable. Because when we purposefully focus on God and give Him homage, we enter into a form of worship to Him.

### **Argument 2: “We Really Enjoy It”**

Another argument which is given in favor of choirs and solos is: “We really enjoy it;” “It encourages me;” “It’s fun.” First, let’s remember that just because something is enjoyable does not make it acceptable! All sin is enjoyable, but it is not acceptable to God. In Leviticus 10:1-2, Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire to God in their worship to Him. He rejected it and destroyed them! The other problem with this argument is that the emphasis is put on our personal enjoyment. The real purpose at hand is to praise God and teach others. Yes, we are to be encouraged, but are we engaging in worship for our own pleasure? There is a big difference. Encouragement is the result of doing what is right and good. If we are doing it only because we receive pleasure from it, then we are missing the purpose. God is the only spectator in worship! We are all participants. We glorify Him in song collectively to accomplish His Will. If we are not participating, we are not worshiping! No one can worship on our behalf! We must give our own offering to God!

**\*Continued next week\***