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#### Service Times

##### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

##### Preacher:

Russ Earl

##### AM Sermon:

Noah Obeys God

##### PM Sermon

VBS Lesson 2

##### Sunday AM Bible Class:

Outline of the Bible - Praschnik

##### Wednesday Bible Class:

VBS Lesson 5

##### **In SEARCH of the Lord's Way**

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

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## **The Oologah Informer** **June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### Thoughts from the Preacher

#### **“Read Isaiah 53”**

Read Isaiah 53 and tell the Lord why you will not be at services Sunday.  
Read Isaiah 53 and tell the Lord why you do not give as you could and should.  
Read Isaiah 53 and tell the Lord why you do not study His Word.  
Read Isaiah 53 and tell the Lord why you will not repent of sin.  
Read Isaiah 53 and tell the Lord why you are so negative.  
Read Isaiah 53 and be reminded why you are a Christian or why you should become one.  
Read Isaiah 53...

### Weekly Article

#### **“Are Church Choirs & Solos Scriptural?”**

##### **Part 2**

From the “Truth for the World” Website

Does Colossians 3:16 teach congregational singing? The New Testament word, which is translated “teaching,” means “to teach, instruct, by word of mouth.” It requires that the one who is taught understand the teaching given. The New Testament word translated “admonishing” means “to put into the mind, instruct, warn.” This teaching and admonishing is to be done to “one another.” The phrase “one another” is translated from the same New Testament word as “yourselves” in Ephesians 5:19. Therefore, when the church is worshiping God by the act of singing, there is teaching and admonishing one another taking place. Colossians 3:16 clearly teaches congregational singing! When one group or individual (the choir or soloist) is active, and another group is passive (the listening audience), there is no interchange of teaching and admonishing!

Congregational singing (singing by every member of the congregation) was the practice of the church in the first century. But many today claim that choirs and solos in the worship are permitted because the Bible is silent concerning them. When God commanded Christians to sing and admonish one another, that eliminated choirs and solos in worship. It was not necessary for God to give a long list of “Thou shalt nots” concerning singing. It was not necessary for God to say, “Thou shalt not use mechanical instruments of music in My worship.” It was not necessary for God to say, “Thou shalt not use choirs or solos in my worship.” **When God specified congregational singing, that eliminated choirs, solos, and instrumental music.**

Choirs, solos and mechanical instruments of music in New Testament worship were never commanded by the Lord! No apostle of Christ ever approved of them! No inspired New Testament writer ever taught or approved of them. There is no command, implication or approved example of the use of choirs, solos or instrumental music in New

Testament worship. Thus, they are completely without the authority of the Lord! **To use them in worship is sinful** (Matthew 15:8,9-12; John 9-11; Revelation 22:18, 19).

Must worship be entertaining? Many seem to think so. Every Christian must realize that God has commanded him to worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24). This means that every Christian must worship with the correct attitude and the correct actions. God is the One Who is being worshipped. He is the audience. Therefore, He is the One Who must be pleased!

Some try to defend the use of choirs and solos by saying that 1 Corinthians 14:26 teaches such. A close look at the verse will reveal that it does not teach the use of either choirs or solos. To say that each one hath a psalm does not mean that every one sang a solo or that several sang solos. A psalm can be read, or quoted. In this context, Paul is dealing with the misuse of a spiritual gift. The best explanation of what the verse means is Acts 4:23-30. When the disciples heard what had happened to Peter and John, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord... (Acts 4:24).

Lyman Coleman, a church historian, wrote: "The prevailing mode of singing during the first three centuries was congregational. The whole congregation united their voices in the sacred song of praise, in strains suited to their ability .... the most ancient and most common mode of singing was confessedly for the whole assembly; men, women and children blend their voices in their songs of praise in the great congregation" (*Ancient Christianity Exemplified*, pages 329, 330).

All worship, at all times, and in all places must be done in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). If one does not worship in the right acts and with the right attitudes, his worship is vain and he is guilty of sin. **There is absolutely no authority in the New Testament for the use of choirs and solos in worship. Therefore, those who practice such are worshipping in vain and are guilty of sin.**