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“The National Resurgence of A Cappella Music”

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While some of our schools and younger preachers are touting mechanical instruments in worship, there is a national trend going on to return to a cappella music in worship. Here is some of what is happening:

* John Price, a leading Baptist preacher, has excluded instruments from his church’s worship and has written a book, *Old Light on New Worship*, in which he calls churches to reconsider what they are doing in their worship.

* The Southern Baptist Convention has urged all of its churches to wean themselves away from instruments at their Sunday evening services.

* The June 5, 2008, issue of *U.S. News and World Report* devotes a page to the phenomenon on college campuses of a cappella music.

There appears to be a nationwide trend toward a cappella. Since we have long held out for a cappella, I suggest some advertising, or at least mention in our publications, about our a cappella music in worship. Let us take advantage of this trend.

[Note: The above appeared in the current issue of “The Search Light,” a publication of Mack Lyon’s “In Search of the Lord’s Way” television program. It is interesting to see such a trend and we are happy anytime anyone turns to the way of truth. However, our worship is a cappella (old Latin meaning “as in church”), not because of any national trend but because mechanical instruments are without New Testament authority and approval. Trends come and go “[b]ut the word of the Lord endures forever” (1Peter 1:25). –Steve]