

Our Rock is not as their rock

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As a drummer at Bible Baptist Church there is a simple understanding of the basis of music. Everything has two sides: Right & Wrong. Music is no exception.

There is a law of sorts, like the law of gravity, or the law of sowing and reaping. It is the law of UP & DOWN. All music has up beats, and down beats. What is emphasized in the music determines the good and bad of the music. Here is the law in these verses:

Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

James 4:6, "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

James 4:10, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

1 Peter 5:5-7, "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Ezekiel 28:2-10, "Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee: With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD."

Ezekiel 28:12-19, "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more."

In the last two passages above, from Ezekiel, the first passage is the Prince of Tyrus and the second is the King of Tyrus; so it follows that these prophecies are against a father and son. Tyrus is in fact synonymous with tyranny.

tyr-an-ny /'tɪrənē / noun: tyranny; plural noun: tyrannies: cruel and oppressive government or rule. "people who survive war and escape tyranny" synonyms: despotism, absolute power, autocracy, dictatorship, totalitarianism, Fascism; oppression, repression, subjugation, enslavement; authoritarianism, bullying, severity, cruelty, brutality, ruthlessness "they will not soon forget his brutal tyranny" •a nation under cruel and oppressive government. •cruel, unreasonable, or arbitrary use of power or control. "she resented his rages and his tyranny" •(especially in ancient Greece) rule by one who has absolute power without legal right.

The father and son of Tyrus were Tyrants and by way of prophecy the second is Lucifer, and the first is his son: the Antichrist, the man of sin, the son of perdition. Lucifer fell, and became Satan. The reason for the fall is because of the tyranny and usurpation over God: Isaiah 14:12-15, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

We see over and over again the law of UP and DOWN. Music has two types of beats: and UP beat and a DOWN beat. The rule of music is determined by the beat, not the words. You can put any words to any music. You can sing hail Satan in song to the tune of rock of ages. That does not make the music wrong. Words sung to music are lyrics, and there is a melody when sung, but even the melody is NOT the words; as melody can be hummed without words. Lyrics are poetry set to music.

Proverbs 16:18-19, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."

Proverbs 29:23, "A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit."

Matthew 18:4, "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 23:12, "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

Rock and Roll music is prideful, arrogant, rebellious, sensual, carnal, and satanic. I am NOT talking about the WORDS OF the music. The beat emphasis is either UP or it is DOWN: on the UPBEAT or on the DOWNBEAT. March music emphasizes a DOWNBEAT as does the Hymnal songs. There are three types of music for the Christian: Ephesians 5:19, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;" and Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

1. Psalms (in the Old Testament)
2. Hymns (in your Hymnal)
3. Spiritual Songs (music designed to glorify God, and give the Soldier encouragement.)

We are in a spiritual battle: any music that is NOT aimed at glorifying God, should be aimed at encouraging the Soldiers of God in the battle to do right. We have three enemies:

1. The world (There is worldly music)
2. The devil (There is Satanic Music)
3. The flesh (There is carnal Music)

We need to choose the right music; not put good words with wicked music. I use to play for the Devil; and played his music back in the 70s. I played some of the hardest stuff in those days and to be honest, it was fun. But it was not right, and therein lays the conundrum. Just because something is fun or just because I enjoy something does not make it right! My preference has nothing to do with whether a thing is right or wrong. It is either right or wrong without any ones approval, preference, enjoyment, likes or any other carnal, worldly, satanic epigraph you want to add to the way you decide truth. Facts are stubborn things. If you want to go up to God, you need to humble yourself at the foot of the cross: if you are prideful and arrogant God will abase you. Your music is no different.

What business does the bumps and the grinds have to do with the making of a good soldier of the Lord? How can you mix what does not belong together? Just because you put the word “Christian” on it does not make it “Christian”. “Christian Rock Music” is like saying “Christian Strip Tease” or like saying “Christian Pornography” or how about “Christian Gang Banging”. The term “Rock n’ Roll” was a euphemism before it was tagged onto a music style to mean “back seat fornication” or “parked car sex”. The fact is Rock is a word in the Bible that is associated with God as a foundation that is immovable, steadfast and sure.

There are two separate rocks: Their rock is associated with vines that are Sodom and Gomorrah, liquor of gall and bitter, poison of dragons, venom of asps. Look what that is saying: “sex, drugs, and rock n’ roll.”

Deuteronomy 32:31-33, “For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.”

God should be your Rock, not a musical genre. You can be grounded in the God of the Bible. Music? Music is a shifting sand.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4, “Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”

Rock n’ roll music provokes God to jealousy, because it steals worship from God, and is become a strange god, and an abomination: full of devils.

Deuteronomy 32:16-18, “They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.”

2 Timothy 2:3-5, “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.”

Notice these seven things:

1. Endure Hardness as a GOOD soldier of Jesus Christ
2. You should wage war
3. Not be entangled in the affairs of this life
4. Please the Lord who shoes you to be a soldier
5. Strive for the masteries
6. Strive lawfully
7. To be crowned

For music to be a part of all this, it must fit into the theme of being a soldier of the Lord, and NOT a party time, sex perverted, doped up, rolling stoned.