

A NOISE WORTH MAKING

Knowing who God is should reflect expressions of joy in our daily lives.

KEY POINTS

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

- ❖ Psalm 100 opens with direct instructions. It instructs us to make or create a joyful noise (shout) to the LORD (in all capitals, referring to the sovereign GOD). It immediately tells us to whom we need to be thankful.
- ❖ The Hebrew word translated “noise” means “to mar,” especially by breaking (think a heavy piece of glass smashed against a concrete floor, creating a shattering sound). It means, figuratively, to split the ears with sound. When this word is used in scripture, the majority of the times it refers to an audible sound made by individuals. (See 1 Samuel 4:5; Joshua 6:20; Psalm 47:1.)
- ❖ The translated word “noise” also means “to shout” by making an alarm, as with the trumpet blowing (see Joel 2:1; 2 Chronicles 13:12; Numbers 10:9). Each time it is used in reference to a trumpet, it refers to sounding an alarm for battle or to shout a war cry.
- ❖ God wants us to shout...in triumph. As in applause or a shout of joy. The voice or instruments in this Psalm are not to be used for a war cry, but for a victorious sound.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

- ❖ Again, there must be some visible manifestation of the heart. The scripture encourages certain feelings and, truthfully, there are times when we do not always feel glad or even feel like singing. But the key word is “serve”—serve the LORD with gladness.
- ❖ If we rely only on our current situations as a reason to praise God, then we will always be in a roller coaster mode: some days up, some days down. Every day should be a day of thanksgiving. We must cultivate joy in our hearts, even when we don’t feel like it.
- ❖ David said in Psalm 34:1-3:
¹I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. ³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.
- ❖ The first three verses are filled with joyful acts and then verse four tells us why: “know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”
- ❖ We need to know this. We need to know the truth about God. And how do we get this knowledge? From the Word of God.
- ❖ Start from Genesis 1:1. “In the beginning God....”

KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 100 KJV

- ❖ “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart,” says Jeremiah 29:13.
- ❖ If we know what the Word of God says, we must then conduct our life in such a way that it demonstrates our knowledge of Him.
- ❖ Nebuchadnezzar realized who God was (Daniel 3:28) and further declared His signs and wonders in Daniel 4:2-3.
- ❖ Genesis 1:27 declares God’s sovereignty and creative talents. And it is this same God who made us.
- ❖ We the church are His people and the sheep of His pasture (Ps. 100:3). He is the Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd takes care of His sheep, people who have heeded His call and have entered His pasture by having relationship with Him. With such knowledge we need to therefore follow the instructions of verse 4:
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- ❖ It is not only when we are coming into the sanctuary that we need to be thankful. When we come to the house of the Lord we must be already be in a joyful mode. We must have our shout going, we should have our praise garment on. Why?
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.
- ❖ For the Lord is good. “Good” refers to being of a high quality or level. It means pleasant; agreeable to the senses or to the sight.
- ❖ From the beginning God reflected His goodness, as we see in Genesis 1. And only a good God would robe Himself in flesh and choose to die a cruel death to redeem us from our sins. Omnibenevolence. God is an all-the-time good God.
- ❖ Knowing God should be reflected in expressions of joy in our daily lives. Always bless the Lord and let His praise be in your mouth.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. “My soul shall make its boast in the Lord.” Boast about the Lord. Testify of His goodness in your life.
2. “Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” Give thanks to God. Even if you do not feel like it, open your mouth and praise God.

PRAYER TIME

I will bless You, Lord, at all times. In good times and bad, I will praise You.

Start-up: What is your expression of joy when you receive something you are excited about (yelling, jumping in excitement, tears, etc.)?

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↻ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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