

“Ze’akah: God Hears the Cry”
Pendleton First Assembly of God
Pastor Joshua Brunette

Opening: In times of great spiritual duress, I believe God has wired the human spirit with a cry that reaches His throne. This cry is not ordinary, it comes forward when God’s will and our will collide within our spirit. It’s time for God’s people to hear the cries for distress in Pendleton and rise up to answer the call.

1. There is a Cry that God always hears Ze’akah: Hebrew meaning to “CRY OUT”

2. Ze’akah is a cry for freedom for bondage/slavery.

a. What bondages do we as modern-day Christians have that we should be raising a Ze’akah about?

1. Addictions to various vices like sexual, gambling, over-indulgence in food, sleep, pleasures

2. Freedom from the slavery that fear brings.

3. Freedom from the slavery that we receive through our inherited genetics.

4. Depression, mental struggles/illnesses/

b. Israel lifts a cry for freedom from Slavery: Exodus 2:23-25 (NLT) 23Years passed, and the king of Egypt died. But the Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. **They cried out for help**, and their cry rose up to God. **24**God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **25**He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.^c

3. Ze-akah is cry for Deliverance from enemies.

- a. **Israel pursued by Pharaoh in desert Exodus 14: 10, 15-16, 21-22** **10**As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. **They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.** **15**Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. **16**Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. **21**Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea *back* by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. **22**The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters *were like* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

4. Ze’akah is a cry for Justice.

- a. **Cain kills righteous Able Genesis 4:6-12 (NIV)** **6**Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? **7**If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” **8**Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” ^d While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. **9**Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” “I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” **10**The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! **Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground.** **11**Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. **12**When you

work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

5. Ze'akah is a cry from Creation.

a. The land of Israel cries out to God for healing and deliverance from the wickedness of Israel in Jeremiah 12:4

“ How long must **the land cry out** in mourning, the grasses of the field wither *and bake in the sun*? The birds and wild animals have *simply* vanished, all because of the wicked living here— Because they say, “God does not see what will become of us.”

6. Ze'akah a cry from the Lonely

- a. **Luke 7:11-15** ¹¹ Soon afterward^[a] he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, **he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”** ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus^[b] gave him to his mother.
**God hears the bitter weeping of sorrow

7. Ze'akah is the cry of the Poor.

- a. **Job 34:27-29 (NAS)** 27 Because they turned aside from following Him, And had no regard for any of His ways; 28 So that they caused **the cry of the poor to come to Him,** And that He might hear the cry of the afflicted— 29 When He keeps quiet, who then can condemn. And when He hides His face,

who then can behold Him, that is, in regard to both nation and man? —

8. The cry of the Barren Those who long to bring forth children who cannot release the Ze Akah and God hears. The barren of scripture also is a picture of fruitlessness, a harvest that doesn't come though we labor and toil with great effort. **1st Samuel 1:9-28**

vs 10 “10 Hannah was in **deep anguish, crying bitterly** as she prayed to the Lord.

9. The cry of the Orphan and Widow

a. **Exodus 22:22-23** ...22You must not mistreat any widow or orphan. 23If you do mistreat them, **and they cry out to Me** in distress, I will surely hear their cry.

b. God deals severely with the oppression of the widow and orphan repaying on the heads of their oppressors with justice making them like those they oppress.

10. The cry of the Broken and Contrite

a. **Psalm 34:17-19** **17The righteous cry out,** and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. **18**The LORD is **close to the brokenhearted** and saves those who are **crushed in spirit**. **19**The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all.

b. **Don't be silent when you are broken:** Cry out to God, get alone with God and lift your voice when you are hurting. When the struggle is too much lift your voice and God will hear you. The cry for His help will always reach His throne of grace.

11. Ze'akah is a cry from the Church for Jesus to return

- a. **Revelation 22:17,20** ¹⁷ **The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."**
And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus!**
- b. **Come, Lord Jesus!! Is Greek Maranatha! A cry, a declaration of passionate desire, COME LORD JESUS!**
- c. **As the days get darker the church should not sigh and resign to abide in the darkness but instead should fervently release a cry to God for His return to come swiftly.**
- d. **Remember He is coming for a Bride, not a slave, a lover and not a liker, a pure and spotless bride without stain, or wrinkle.**

12. We must answer the Ze'akah for help.

- a. **Isaiah 6:8 (ESV)** 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "**Here I am!** Send me."
- b. **John 20:21** Again Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so also I am sending you."
- c. When God hears the Ze'akah he releases His grace and anointing to heal the hurting in this world. He does this by releasing Spirit lead and empowered believers into the situation. When we listen and obey God releases the following 7 things for us to accomplish His heart's desire.
- 1. A heart of intercession to pray for the hurting throughout the world.**
 - 2. An anointing to minister to those who are affected directly with a healing, or encouraging word of comfort, wisdom or instruction.**

- 3. A heavenly compassion that goes beyond those words leading to tangible actions that bring change**
- 4. Favor that opens up resources to bring help.**
- 5. Authority to crush the enemy who oppresses God's people.**
- 6. Supernatural power to display God's power. Why? There is an accusation against God, that He doesn't care or isn't involved. The supernatural reveals that He is indeed in the midst of those who are suffering.**
- 7. Angelic protection over those who carry His anointing to answer the cry of humanity.**