



Psalms For Life

Sermon: Let Your Saints Shout for JOY (Psalm 132)

Summary: This time of year can be filled with extreme joy but it can also have joyless moments! Some days its hard to experience joy like fruitless shopping trips or days separated from loved ones. Other days joy comes in buckets full with family reunions and the giving and receiving of gifts. What gives you joy? What takes it away? For the writer of Psalm 132, “shouting joy” has its source in God fulfilling His promises. The next time your day is joyless, spend some time praying. Ask God to fulfill His promises to you and to use you in the fulfillment of His promises to others! See if your joy doesn't increase as He answers your prayer.

Memory Verse: “Let Your Saints Shout for Joy.” Psalm 132 9

Next Week: Psalm 130-136

10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2 10-12

I. The good news of great joy is for all people.

- Not all people receive the news as good or the joy that comes with it!

Psalm 132

The LORD Has Chosen Zion
A Song of Ascents.

II. Request for God's Presence and Joy!

1 Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,
2 how he swore to the LORD
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

- 3 "I will not enter my house
or get into my bed,
4 I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
5 until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
7 "Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool!"

8 Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your saints shout for joy.

10 For the sake of your servant David,
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

Elements of the *Request*

- A. King
- B. Temple
- C. The LORD
- D. Righteousness
- E. Joy

III. God's Response

- 11 The LORD swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:
"One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.
12 If your sons keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their sons also forever
shall sit on your throne."

13 For the LORD has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling place:
14 "This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provisions;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her saints will shout for joy.

17 There I will make a horn to sprout for David;
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
18 His enemies I will clothe with shame,
but on him his crown will shine."

Elements of the *Response*

- A. King
- B. Temple
- C. The LORD
- D. Salvation
- E. Joy

Life Application Questions

1. What/who gives you the greatest joy?
2. What/who steals your joy?
3. In what ways have you found joy in the Lord?
4. Have you asked to Lord to help you find joy?
5. What can you do to raise the level of joy in others?
6. Do the promises of God impact your level of Joy? If so, how?
7. PRAY: Seeking the presence and joy of the Lord.