

## "The Sound That Heaven Can't Ignore"

### Opening Discussion

What's one song that always seems to shift your mood or mindset? Why do you think worship affects us emotionally and spiritually?

Have you ever heard a sound you just couldn't ignore? A baby's cry. A glass shattering. A voice calling your name in a crowd. There are certain sounds that demand a response.

Heaven is no different. There's a sound that gets God's attention — not noise, not emotion, not performance... but **true worship**. Not because God needs it — but because He's *enthroned in it*.

- ***The Man in the Rubble***

During the 2010 Haiti earthquake, rescue teams were combing through piles of concrete and steel for survivors. After several days with no signs of life, they heard something faint coming from deep in the rubble of a collapsed church building.

They stopped, and listened. It was a sound — not of shouting or panic — but *singing*.

A man had been trapped for three days, crushed under debris. He was dehydrated, injured, near death... but he was worshipping.

When they pulled him out, they asked, "Why were you singing?" He said, "*Because I knew if heaven heard me, I wouldn't die here.*"

### Main Scripture Focus

Each of these scriptures emphasizes the importance of the Throne of God. Read each verse to see the Lord ruling as The King, The Judge, The King of Mercy.

#### ***Psalm 22:3 (NKJV)***

"But You are holy, **enthroned in the praises** of Israel."

#### ***Psalm 9:7-11 (NIV)***

**"The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.** He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know

*your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. Sing the praises of the Lord, **enthroned** in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done."*

*Psalm 80:1 (ESV) (See the Bonus Teaching Insert!)*

*"Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim**, shine forth."*

*Isaiah 6:1-4 (NIV)*

*"In the year that King Uzziah died, **I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.***

*Above him were seraphim, each with six wings... And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.' At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook, and the temple was filled with smoke."*

## Point 1: Praise Is Where God Is Seated In Authority

### *Discussion Questions:*

- What does it mean for God to be 'enthroned' in praise?
- How do we build a 'throne' for God in our homes?

Reflection: Consider areas of your life where you've seen God 'take over' after praise.

## Point 2: Chains Break When Worship Rises

*Acts 16:25-26 (NIV)*

*"**About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.** Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose."*

*Psalm 149:6-9 (NIV) – Worship as Warfare*

*"**May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands**... to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron..."*

✓ Worship is linked directly with **spiritual authority** and **binding the enemy**.

*Isaiah 61:1–3 (NIV) – Praise Replaces the Spirit of Heaviness*

*"...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair (heaviness)."*

✓ Chains of depression, despair, and grief are broken through the garment of praise.

**Discussion:**

- Why did Paul and Silas choose worship over worry?
- When have you seen worship change your circumstances or your perspective?

## Point 3: Worship Is Warfare

*2 Chronicles 20:21-22 (NLT)*

"After consulting the people, **the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army**, singing to the Lord and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: 'Give thanks to the Lord; his faithful love endures forever!' **At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the Lord caused the armies... to start fighting among themselves.**"

*Exodus 14:14 (NIV)*

**"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."**

*Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)*

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God... Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **And pray in the Spirit on all occasions...**"

**Discussion:**

- What spiritual battles are you facing today?
- How does worship shift your focus during those battles?

## Group Reflection

- What part of this teaching challenged you the most? How can you apply it this week?

- How does the idea of 'joining heaven's sound' change how you view corporate worship?

### Personal Challenge

- Every day this week, start your morning with one worship song and declare a scripture out loud.
- Challenge: Write out your own worship declaration based on Psalm 22:3.

### Prayer Focus

Pray for an increased awareness of God's presence during worship. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to enthrone Jesus in every situation through praise.