

Lost and Found

Pt. 3 – Shout!

Josh. 5:1 Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the Lord had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until we had crossed over, their hearts melted and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

Jos. 6:1 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. ²Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. ⁴Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in." ⁶So Joshua called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the LORD and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it." ⁷And he ordered the people, "Advance! March around the city, with the armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD." ⁸When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the LORD went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the LORD's covenant followed them. ⁹The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. ¹⁰But Joshua had commanded the people, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!" ¹¹So he had the ark of the LORD carried around the city, circling it once. Then the people returned to camp and spent the night there. ¹²Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. ¹³The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the LORD and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets kept sounding. ¹⁴So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days. ¹⁵On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. ¹⁶The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city..." ²⁰When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.

Shouting 101:

Shout before the victory in anticipation. Shout after the victory in celebration.

1 Sam. 17:52 ...the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines...

1 Cor. 14:40 ...everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

1 Cor. 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order. (KJV)

Shout to celebrate God's faithfulness.

Ps. 33:1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. ²Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. ³Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. ⁴For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

Shout to celebrate God's protection.

Ps. 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. ³Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. ⁴One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. ⁵For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. ⁶Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Shout to acknowledge God's greatness.

Ps. 100:1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. ²Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³Know that the LORD is God.

Ps. 47:1 Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. ²How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!

Shout because God answers prayer.

Ps. 20:5 We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests. ⁶Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He answers him from His holy heaven with the saving power of His right hand. ⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Shout because Jesus is alive and Jesus is here.

Mt. 21:8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Shout because it's what we are going to do in heaven!

Rev. 19:1 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are His judgments."