

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 114 – A Joyful Noise Because Of Being Glad and Thankful (Psalms 100)

1. Since God's people can make a joyful noise unto God (Psalms 100:1), does that imply that sorrowful noise is possible as well?

Yes: *"They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn"* (**Jeremiah 31:9**).

\*God's people can make a noise that He does not joy in because they were in error: *"(21) I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. (22) Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. (23) **Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs**; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. (24) But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. (25) Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? (26) **But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.** (27) Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts"* (**Amos 5:21-27**).

\* God's people are told to make a joyful noise unto God (**Psalms 66:1, Psalms 95:1-2, Psalms 98:4, and Psalms 100:1**).

2. "Serve the LORD with \_\_\_\_\_: come before his presence with singing" (Psalms 100:2).

"**Gladness**" is the answer.

\* *"(47) Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; (48) Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee"* (**Deuteronomy 28:47-48**).

\* *"I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High"* (**Psalms 9:2**).

\* *"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms"* (**James 5:13**).

\* *"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart"* (**Psalms 32:11**).

\* We shouldn't be these sour, grumpy, complainers that are murmuring [grumbling] all the time (**Philippians 2:14**).

\* *"Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD"* (**Psalms 144:15**).

3. What points did the Psalmist make to remind God's people to be thankful?

*"(3) 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. (4) Enter into his gates with*

*thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. (5) **For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations***" (**Psalms 100:3-5**).

\* God created us physically (**Genesis 1:27, Ecclesiastes 12:1, Isaiah 40:28, and I Peter 4:19**) and spiritually (**Ephesians 2:10, II Corinthians 5:17, and Colossians 3:10**).

\* He is our shepherd (**John 10:14-15 and I Peter 2:25**).

\* He is merciful (**Titus 3:5 and James 5:11**).

\* His truth endures to all generations (**Psalms 146:5-6**).

\* *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"* (**I Thessalonians 5:18**).

4. For class discussion, please prepare some points of things we should be happy about (**with Scriptures**).

A. We should be happy because we are saved (**Psalms 13:5, Psalms 35:9, Psalms 70:4, and Habakkuk 3:18**; cf. **II Thessalonians 2:12**).

1. We have the truth that saves us (**John 8:32 and Colossians 1:5-6**).

2. Being saved means that we have the love of God (**John 16:27, Ephesians 2:1-5, and I John 3:1**).

B. We should be happy because of the fellowship we have here (**Psalms 133:1 and I Corinthians 12:12**).

1. With few disciples (**Matthew 22:14**), we have something here to be happy about (**Ephesians 2:19**).

2. Think of the benefits of having the saints here (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, II Corinthians 13:11, Galatians 6:2, Ephesians 4:16, I Thessalonians 5:11, I John 3:14**, etc.).

C. We should be happy because you have today provided of God to perfect yourself (**II Peter 3:9-10**) and / or help others (**James 5:20**).

D. We should be happy because God has provided us with the necessities of life (**Romans 8:28; 31; 35-39**).

1. We don't need to worry about the "hard times" (**Luke 12:22-31**).

2. We need to remember the source of our "things" (**II Corinthians 9:9-11**).

E. We should be happy because if we find that we have been forsaken by all, we still have the Lord (**Psalms 27:10 and Hebrews 13:5-6**).

F. We should be happy because of the simple things we often overlook which surround us (**Psalms 19:1 and Acts 17:22-29**).

G. We should be happy because the Lord is a righteous judge (**Psalms 119:137, II Timothy 4:8, and II Peter 2:9**).

The list could go on and on, and for some would include things like our marriages (**Genesis 2:21-24**), children (**Psalms 127:3**), etc (**James 1:17-18**).