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# The Joys of Holy Praises (The Sound of Holiness)

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## The Joys of Holiness

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***Sermon: The Joys of Holiness: The Joys of Holy Praises (The Sound of Holiness)***

***New Series Messages: “The Joys of Holiness”***

- Theme Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:15–16 (AV)<sup>15</sup> But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; <sup>16</sup> Because it is written, ***Be ye holy***; for I am holy.
- Sermon: Entering into the Joy of the Lord (The Abundant Life of Holiness)
- Sermon: The Holiness Lifestyle (Honoring, Pleasing, and Glorifying God)
- Sermon: The Joys of Holy People (Chosen, Peculiar, and Royal People)
- Sermon: The Joys of Holy Places (The Presence of Holiness)
  - The Joys of The Holy Assembly (Power)
  - The Joys of The Holy Calling (Purpose)
  - The Joys of The Holy Ground (Possession)

***Lesson Text***

Psalm 34:1–8 (AV)<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad. <sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. <sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

***Introduction***

We’ve looked at Holy People (Chosen, Peculiar, and Royal) and Holy Places (Power, Purpose, and Possession), lets now look at Holy Praises!

Let’s explore our lesson text closer by looking at the Contemporary New Living Translation:

- Psalm 34:1 (NLT)<sup>1</sup> I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. (Our Praise should be persistent and continuous)
- Psalm 34: <sup>2</sup> I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. (Our praise should be a Victorious Boast for the benefit of others)
- Psalm 34: <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; (Our praise is a source of Joy)
- Psalm 34: <sup>6</sup> In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles. (Our praise is for times of trouble)
- Psalm 34: <sup>7</sup> For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him. (Our praise is for times of battle)
- Psalm 34: <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! (Our Praise is a testimony and invitation for others to join in our Joy)

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1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (AV)<sup>16</sup> Rejoice evermore. <sup>17</sup> Pray without ceasing. <sup>18</sup> In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Praise is not just something we should occasionally do, but it's the constant and continuous lifestyle of Holy People, in a Holy Place, who give God a Holy Praise.

This lifestyle of praise becomes the mantra of Holy People that produces a Sound of Holiness; a sound that not only gets God's attention, but the attention of all those around us!

***Series and Sermon: The Joys of Holiness: The Joys of Holy Praises (The Sound of Holiness)***

***“The Sound for Trouble, The Sound for Battle, and The Sound for Victory”***

### ***I. The Sound for Trouble***

Psalm 34: <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.

When faced with trouble, what type of sound do you make? Most of us make the typical sound of frustration and complaining David did in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm!

Psalm 22: <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?* <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

When faced with trouble, just like David, we complain to ourselves, to those around us, and even to our God above. But unfortunately, also like David, all our complaints do is leave us with a feeling of being forsaken, frustrated, and depressed that no one hears or understands us.

But in the next verse, David shifted his complaining to praises, and everything changed.

Psalm 22: <sup>3</sup> But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

When you walk in Holiness, there is a different sound that is produced during trouble. It's the sound of a Holy Praise that invites God into our situation.

And when this sound becomes your lifestyle; being frustrated, forsaken, and depressed is replaced with being heard, delivered, and filled with joy!

- Psalm 34: <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- Psalm 34: (NLT) <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces.
- Psalm 27:5 (AV)<sup>5</sup> For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
- Psalm 46:1 (AV)<sup>1</sup> God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

### ***II The Sound for Battle***

Ps 34:<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

When it comes to your battles, what type of sound do you make? For most of us, it is the wrong sound; the sound that we've been making all our lives before we met the Lord!

2 Corinthians 10:3–4 (AV)<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: <sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Paul's admonishment to the Corinthians was because too many of them were still fighting their battles in the flesh, still fighting their battles using carnal weapons.

And far too many of us are like the Corinthians, we fight using the emotions of our flesh; strife, envy, division, personal attacks, vengeance and clap back! We just can't let it go!

But when our lifestyle becomes one of Holy Praises, we allow God to fight our battles for us.

Ps 34:<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

2 Chronicles 20:15 (AV)<sup>15</sup> And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, **Be not afraid nor dismayed** by reason of this great multitude; **for the battle is not yours, but God's.**

1 Chronicles 14:15 (AV)<sup>15</sup> And it shall be, **when thou shalt hear a sound** of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, **that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee** to smite the host of the Philistines.

Why we sing: "Don't wait till the battle is over, shout now. You know in the end, you're gonna win! When you're burdened down with the cares of life, and you feel all hope is gone. Don't despair, God will be right there; When the battle is over, we're going home! Hallelujah"

### ***III. The Sound for Victory***

Psalms 34:1–3 (AV)<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

<sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

A lifestyle of Holy Praises is

- A Sound for Trouble that invites God into our Problems
- A Sound for Battle that sends God out to fight for us
- A Sound for Victory that Boast in our God for the helpless to be glad (take heart)

The Sound of Victory is Praising God with a Boast to Helps the Helpless

- There is a Holy Praise that will turn Victims to Victors
- Psalm 34: <sup>2</sup> ... the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad. <sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- Romans 8:37 (AV)<sup>37</sup> Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- Psalm 34:<sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

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### The Sound of Victory is Praising God with a Boast that Helps Yourself!

- Psalm 34: <sup>2</sup>My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:
- Psalm 27:1–3 (AV)<sup>1</sup> The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup>When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. <sup>3</sup>Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.
- Psalm 24:7–8 (AV)<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. <sup>8</sup>Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
- 1 John 4:4 (AV)<sup>4</sup> Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- Philippians 4:13 (AV)<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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## Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Joys of Holy Praises (The Sound of Holiness))

### Lesson Text

- Psalm 34:1–8

### Sermon Outline (Notes)

#### I. *The Sound for Trouble*

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#### II. *The Sound for Battle*

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#### III. *The Sound for Victory*

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### Questions

#### I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. Fill in the blank: \_\_\_\_\_ everyday brings me joy. (Example: Working everyday brings me joy.)
2. Would you rather snap your fingers and change your weight or your shoe size; your eye color or hair color; the shape of your ears or the shape of your nose?

#### II. Into the Bible

1. Study Hebrews 13:9-16. How is our Praise a sacrifice, especially in a world in which many are rejecting the Lord Jesus?
2. Look at the following Scripture passages and describe the “power of praise” presented in each one: 2 Chronicles 20:21-22, Psalm 22:3, 2 Chronicles 5:13-14, and Acts 16:25-26.

#### III. Life Application

1. After hearing the message on Sunday, what is the first action you would take when faced with trouble?
2. How can you boast in the Lord to others when God has not answered your prayers and your situation has become worse?