

Psalm 47

Joy

1. Biblical Joy is a gift from God as a result of our oneness with Him ("*fruit of the Spirit*" Gal. 5:22). It is to be differentiated from our mood. Biblical joy is greater and deeper and able to cover the expanse of sorrow and gladness. Discuss.

2. Describe a time when you had circumstances that caused you to be in a bad mood? Share a few things that help improve our moods?

3. Notice that the joy God offers us is superior to our mood swings. Discuss.

a. Great Joy (Quality)

Luke 2:10

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'"

b. Full Joy (Volume)

1 John 1:4

"These things write we unto you that your joy may be full."

c. Everlasting Joy (Expanse)

Isaiah 51:11a- And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads...

4. The sons of Korah wrote this song to worship God when they received the revelation that God would grant them victory in battle without having to fight. Notice that they sang this song before God had actually granted victory. It was "chara" joy expressed in faith. Read Psalm 47.

We are to worship:

a. Cheerfully (v.1-3)

b. Reflectively (v. 4)

c. Frequently (v. 5-6)

d. Intelligently (v.7-9)

Discuss the dynamics around each one of these expressions of joy.

Application

Take some time to pray and worship God for who He is and what He has done to save you. Ask God to reveal someone to you whom you could share the joy of Christ with.

Message Slides

A. Dynamics of Joy

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1. Earthly Joy is a Mood
2. Heavenly Joy is a State of Being

Chara- Inner gladness as a gift from God; an assurance that ignites a cheerful heart.

3. Heavenly Joy is Greater

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Psalm 47- sons of Korah

B. Expressions of Joy

Context: 2 Chron. 20:15-23

¹⁵And he said, ... 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.¹⁶ Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you."

1. Cheerfully (v.1-3)

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

²For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

³He will subdue the peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

2. Reflectively (v.4)

⁴He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*

3. Persistently (v.5-6)

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

4. Intelligently (v.7-9)

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

C. Story of Joy

Luke 2:10

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."