

First there was "Joy & Confidence"
Then there was "That's Joy"
Now we have "Shout for Joy"

When we shout we:

- utter a sudden and loud outcry, usually in joy, triumph or exultation or animated courage
- to call or cry out loudly and vigorously.
- to speak or laugh noisily or unrestrainedly.
- A loud burst of voice or voices
- It is sometimes intended in derision (the use of ridicule or scorn to show contempt)

In the Bible, a shout could be a battle cry or a war cry, cry, jubilant shouting, shout in triumph, loud shout, joyful shout or sound an alarm

1Samuel 4:5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

The Ark of the Covenant was the people's sure weapon of victory, it represented the presence of the Lord. The presence of the Lord was in the camp and the people knew the Lord fought for them. Before the battle began there was a shout of victor because God was present. Victory is ours but the battle is the Lords. The shout was proclaiming victory for those in the camp and impending defeat for their enemies. It was flaunting victory in the enemy's face. You know how we do it; "now take that, how you like that. Or all of the talk that goes on before a fight at the press conference; they are making their boast. But we make our boast in the Lord. We now have a better covenant with Jesus Christ because we have the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Living God dwelling on the inside of us.

1Samuel 4:6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, *What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.*

Remember the walls of Jericho - God gave the children of Israel the city. The Israelites walked around the wall for 6 days and on the 7th day, they shouted and walls came down and their enemies were exposed and they could gain victory over their enemies.

The Shout of Faith - Joshua 6:20 - So the people shouted when the priests blew with trumpets, and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people when up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

Anybody can shout after the walls come down it takes faith to shout before the walls come down.

When do we tend to shout –

- when we want to get someone's attention

If your young child is about to put their hand in the fire, having noticed it for the first time. Do you quietly attempt to explain the difference between hot and cold knowing that the toddler does not really speak yet or do you instinctively scream to get their attention and prevent serious injury? We of course scream our heads off. We know somehow that the child will respond to a raised voice even before it understands the words.

- when we want to voice our opinions; basketball, football game. We get pumped up and all sorts of animated actions and sounds come out.
- when our heart are filled up to overflowing and an expression of praise comes forth out of our hearts to our lips with a shout of praise or joy to the Lord. It's okay to praise God out loud. Some of our problem is that we hold everything in. As they say when you belch; there is more room out than there is in. So let the praise ring outloud...

What would make you give God a shout of praise? What would He have to do for you? When I think about Jesus and with all that he's done.... you want to dance, dance, dance all night. Your shout may be in your dance.

Back in the day, the sanctified churches were known for saints breaking out in a shout, where they would dance, shout, fall out or run around the church. As children, we would laugh but now as adults, we understand that when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you want to give God praise. They were giving God praise.

Psalm 66:1 - Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

Are you under the weather, low, going through a tough time?

Psalm 42:3-5

³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" ⁴ These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Psalm 71:22-24 - ²² I will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, my God; I will sing praise to you with the lyre, Holy One of Israel. ²³ My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—I whom you have delivered. ²⁴ My tongue will tell of your righteous acts all day long, for those who wanted to harm me have been put to shame and confusion.

Psalm 118:15 - Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

Ps 35:27 – Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause; yea, let them say continually. Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Defender: Psalms 5:11 - But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Isaiah 49:13 - Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Psalm 20:5 - May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.

Psalm 47: 1-2 Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

² For the LORD Most High *is* awesome; *He is* a great King over all the earth.

Let's try it. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Let take a minute to speak our request before the Lord. Now, let's give out a shout of victory to our God.

God went up with a shout. - Psalms 47:5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Imagine Jesus' homecoming after Calvary! The saints and angels lined the streets and the angel of the Lord blew trumpets.

God will return with a shout! - 1 Thessalonians 4:16 - ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.