

Giving Light Devotional Podcast EP51: Why Are We Shouting?

Have you ever wondered why God's people SHOUT in church? In today's episode, we'll talk about the Biblical precedent for shouting in worship as one of the many expressions of praise.

SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 63:3-5, "For your tender mercies mean more to me than life itself. How I love and praise you, God! Daily I will worship you passionately and with all my heart. My arms will wave to you like banners of praise. I overflow with praise when I come before you, for the anointing of your presence satisfies me like nothing else. You are such a rich banquet of pleasure to my soul." (TPT)

Psalms 66:1-4, "Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your mighty power. Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs." (NLT)

Psalms 98:4, "Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!" (NLT)

Psalms 35:27, "Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." (NKJV)

Psalms 47:1, "Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!" (NKJV)

QUESTIONS:

1. Define the Hebrew word *shabach*?

2. What cultural/traditional boundaries have you encountered in the expression of praising God?

3. Why is it important to know the culture of Heaven when it comes to how praise is expressed?

4. Why do you think the victorious are always louder than the defeated and how does a victorious outlook affect your worship?

5. Does this form of expressive praise challenge your comfort level? Why or why not?

6. Why do you think a loud expression of praise confronts our enemy?

ACTIVATION:

Commit to stepping outside of your comfort level and SHOUT joyful praises to God.

I encourage you to practice this type of praise in private so that you can gain the confidence to release it for all to hear.