

THE BIBLICAL SHOUT

"How blessed are the people who know the joyful (blast of the trumpet, shout of joy) sound" (Psa. 89:15).

As the sun rises on the new decade, another sound is being heard in the present-truth church. A sound that has the characteristic of a "blasting trumpet"; one that challenges, proclaims victory, gives forth a proclamation, causes the body of Christ to come to attention, directs the eyes toward the opposition, grants a surge of divine energy and prepares a believer to charge the enemy's fortifications. The "Biblical Shout" is now being heard again!

Suddenly, a new generation of songs has been born out of the Spirit. Those songs describe Jesus as a warrior and a captain. Note the scriptures:

"The Lord is a warrior; the LORD is His name" (Ex. 15:3).

"The LORD will go forth like a warrior; He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes; He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies" (Isa. 42:13).

"And he said, No, rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD." (Josh. 5:14).

The body of Christ is being prepared to move into the realm identified by Paul as heavenly places where the rulers, the powers, the world forces of this darkness, and the spiritual forces of wickedness dwell. Eph. 6:12. Believers are coming to know Jesus as their Captain, a mighty warrior, a King of kings, a Lord of lords and a Conqueror.

The Holiness Movement of the 1800's was characterized by falling under the power, jerking, falling into trances, the holy laugh and wild dances. In the past history of the restoration of the church there has been a physical manifestation that included loud shouting, but this is not what is being referred to by the "Biblical Shout." Loud preaching or loud noises do not frighten demons, normally only our children, however the anointed shout strikes fear in the demonic world.

THERE ARE FOUR BASIC SOUNDS RECORDED IN THE BIBLE

Sound of TRIUMPH

Sound of DEFEAT

Sound of SINGING

Sound of REVELRY

"But he said, It is not the sound of the cry of triumph (mastery), nor is it the sound of the cry of defeat; but the sound of singing I hear" (Ex. 32:18).

The church has experienced the sound of prayer, the sound of joy, the sound of the high praise, yet the sound of the mastery has not been heard. A "new sound" from the trumpet of the 90's is on the lips

of the church. **THE WAR SHOUT!**

"And it shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead....So the people shouted.." (Josh. 5:5,20).

The Hebrew root of the word for "shout" refers to the war shout. This anointed shout brought the walls of Jericho down. There are strongholds (2 Cor. 10:5) that must come down in individuals, families, churches, communities and countries. The fortifications of evil spirits vary in strength and location. All things that belong to the church because of the victory of Christ will be totally restored; one of the last is the "Anointed Shout."

The church has been led into the presence of God through worship and praise, and ministered as a bride to the bridegroom, yet the battle of the end of all ages is about to be fought. Jesus is not only the bridegroom of the church, but also its captain. Communion with Christ Jesus is a must. The thirst of His touch will never be quenched; therefore the church will always seek for the intimate chamber of Christ Jesus. What needs to be underscored is: another dimension of the age of Jesus Christ has arrived, which demands an additional expression from the church. Since the battle of the ages is before Christ and the church, the "war-shout" must come from their lips.

THE CHURCH CAN PRAISE AND SHOUT SIMULTANEOUSLY

"Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting (war-shout), and with sound of the horn, with trumpets and loud sounding cymbals, with harps and lyres" (1 Chr. 15:28).

Bringing up the Ark of the Covenant involved both the praise and the shout. The three bronze cymbals used by the singers, Heman, Asaph and Ethan, pointed to God's judgment against His enemies.

Note after the foundation of the temple was laid by Zerubbabel, upon their return from exile from Babylon, "They sang, praising and giving thanks to the Lord saying, For He is good, for His loving kindness is upon Israel forever. And all the people **SHOUTED WITH A GREAT SHOUT** when they praised the Lord." (Ezra 3:11).

The purpose of this article is to encourage every reader to press into this decade with a new sound. The sound will bring conflict of good and evil to a glorious end for the church.

"O clap your hands, all peoples; shout (war cry) to God with the voice of triumph (joy)" (Psa. 47:1).

"God has ascended with a shout (war cry), The Lord, with the sound of a trumpet" (Psa. 47:5).

As Jesus passed through the heavens (where the spirits dwell) to ascend to the throne of God, He did so by a shout! When He descends from the throne, signaled by the last trumpet, He will do it with a **SHOUT!**

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