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A JOYFUL NOISE

Psalm 100:1-2 says, ***“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness. Come before His presence with singing.”***

The opening English words “make a joyful noise” is just one single word in the original Hebrew to express the concept. It is “ruwa” (roo-ah) from Strong’s 7321) which means to mar (by breaking silence), or figuratively, to split the ears with sound, to shout for joy or alarm.

This is also why we start church services with singing as instructed in verse 2. We serve God with gladness in our hearts, and we express it out loud verbally. This is what pleases God when He hears it.

Psalms 149 and 150 tell us of the extreme importance of praise to the LORD. Not only is it pleasing to God, but there is also much power in praise. Psalm 149:6-9 tells us that praise to Him is like a two-edged sword that executes God’s vengeance upon those who do us harm. Verse 4 even tells us that the LORD takes such pleasure in it. ***“He will beautify (us) with salvation.”*** (Strong’s 3444 – Yshuw’ah; deliverance, aid, victory, health, welfare.)

So, we speak aloud the wondrous attributes of our Lord. We tell of His great works. We speak of His blessings and favor to us. We are strengthened in the process.

If you are ever feeling discouraged or down and out, just begin to praise Him (even if you do not feel like doing it). You will sense a change in the atmosphere. It is a good change.