NOT QUIET TIME - LOUD TIME

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Did you know the Bible instructs us as Christians to sing our prayers, praise and proclamations? Yet few know the significance of singing prayer and praise out loud. There is spiritual power in vocalizing our prayers and praise specially when we sing them. Why out loud you may ask? Is it really necessary?

1. God spoke out loud. When He vocalized His thoughts signs and wonders occurred. Job 38:4,7 *"Where were you (Job) when I laid the foundations of the earth…when the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy!"* When Jesus wanted to create the heavens and earth He didn't think it in His heart He spoke it out loud. That is the power of speaking or singing in faith. When He spoke the words, "Let there be light!" There was light! As a result all the angels of God shouted and sang together out loud. Music was the appropriate response to the creative words He spoke out loud.

2. Vocal Praise is the sound of heaven."*They were all with one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wide, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*" (Act 2:1-2) Before Jesus left His disciples He told them to wait for power from on high. Do you think they were sitting around having their "quiet time?" They probably were not quiet because orthodox Jews to this day chant their prayers out loud. It was the Hebrew way and is the Christian way. We are to sing our prayers and praise out loud. Suddenly there was a sound from heaven – similar to a violent wind but a sound from heaven – the sound of many waters – the sound of worshipers singing out loud.

3. We are to sing our prayers especially in difficult situations. David sang his prayers when he was going through very difficult times. One of David's prayer songs is recorded in Psalm 142:1. David is alone hiding in a cave and sang, "*I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.*" When you are running from difficulty and find yourself hiding or on the defensive do you sing your prayers out loud? There is no one around but God. Why would you or David do such a thing? Because it blesses God to hear His children crying out for help and it builds our faith, and thirdly God responds accordingly. There is a promise in it "*Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the Lord.*" Is 54:1

4. The scripture admonishes us to be vocal. "*Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.*" (Heb 13:15) This means we are to praise out loud. This blesses God and blesses us by building up our spirit? It causes us to break through out of the flesh into a God-consciousness. We are to do it continuously. Try it! I know it is challenging – your quiet time will no longer be quiet. Remember it is a sacrifice and the product of our lips.

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