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Shout for Joy!

Lesson 8 • Isaiah 54

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How Should We Respond to the Good News of Salvation? SHOUT for Joy (Isaiah 54) and SHARE the News (Isaiah 55)!

Why Should We Shout for Joy?

The Servant's Sacrificial Substitution Has Resulted in Radical REVERSALS of Great Joy!

| THREE RADICAL REVERSALS of GREAT JOY | | | | |
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| ISAIAH 54 | 1-3 | 4-10 | 11-17 | |
| PICTURE Sin's Rebellion | UNFRUITFUL WOMAN Spiritual Infertility | UNFAITHFUL WIFE Spiritual Infidelity | UNSTABLE CITY Spiritual Instability | |
| PROBLEM Sin's Consequences | SHAME | GUILT | FEAR | |
| PROMISE The LORD's Reversals | RENEWED FERTILITY | RESTORED INTIMACY | RECREATED COMMUNITY | |
| POWER The LORD's Grace | REPRODUCTION Fruitfulness | RECONCILIATION Oneness | RENOVATION Righteousness | |

Shout for Joy Because by God's Grace...

- 1. The Unfruitful Woman FILLS the Earth with Children! (54:1-3, 4)
 - > The **SHAME** due to sin's unfruitfulness: No spiritual fruit due to a lack of God's blessing.

How BARREN was Israel due to their rebellion against the LORD? (v. 1)

How SHAMEFUL was their rebellion? (v. 4)

The Radical Reversal

- So many spiritual sons that you will have to stretch, strengthen, spread, and settle your tents! (vv. 2-3)
- 2. The Unfaithful Wife RECEIVES Loyal Love from Her Husband Forever! (54:4-10)

> The **GUILT** due to sin's infidelity: No spiritual intimacy due to a lack of covenant loyalty.

The Radical Reversal

So much forgiveness and loving kindness that you will enjoy eternal peace and intimacy with the LORD. (vv. 5-10)

Who is Israel's HUSBAND? (vv. 5-6)

| 1. | "Your Maker" | The CREATOR of all things! |
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| 2. | "The LORD of Armies" | The PROTECTOR who leads armies of angels! |
| 3. | "Your Redeemer" | The PROVIDER who has the resources to provide for your every need! |
| 4. | "The Holy One of Israel" | The LOVER who is large in and in charge but close and caring! |
| 5. | "The God of All the Earth" | The RULER who reigns over everyone and everything everywhere! |
| 6. | "the LORD" = "The I AM God" | The PROMISE KEEPER and Ever-Present Redeemer! |
| 7. | "Your God" | This glorious, good, and gracious God is your HUSBAND ! |

How does LOYAL LOVE respond to an unfaithful people? (vv. 7-10)

3. The Unstable City BECOMES a Secure, Righteous Community! (54:11-17)

The FEAR due to sin's instability: No spiritual community due to a lack of righteous relationships.

What was the CONDITION of the community? (v. 11a)

The Radical Reversal

> So much beauty, stability and purity that you will enjoy a community of peaceful security for all eternity. (vv. 11b-17a)

What kind of COMMUNITY will God build for His people? (vv. 11b-17a)

"looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God." Hebrews 11:10

"...desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them." Hebrews 11:16

"For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come." Hebrews 13:14

This New Jerusalem that comes down from heaven is not just for *Israel* but also for the *Church*. One people yet distinct they become the Bride of Christ – the New Jerusalem! Revelation 21:9-23

Why Should We Shout with Joy?

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You Too Can Shout for Joy and Dance with Grace!

"This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," says the LORD. 54:17b NKJV

- **Shout for Joy:** Turn from your sins that bring only shame, guilt, and fear and receive Jesus as your King to enjoy fruitfulness, intimacy, and security in Him.
- Dance with Grace: Keep on repenting and relying on God's grace in King Jesus that makes joyful living a reality in spite of living in a shame-burdened, quilt-ridden, and fear-filled world.

Family Worship Ideas from Today's Lesson

- > **READ** together as a family the OT prediction in *Isaiah 54* and the NT final fulfillment in Christ and His coming Kingdom and New Creation in *Revelation 21*.
- > **SING** or watch a music video together.

Great Are You Lord Casting Crowns https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZqV6i98SkA Hallelujah Casting Crowns https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fORhnYILTSo In Christ Alone Kristian Stanfill https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMixnWehee0 God of All My Days ${\bf Casting\ Crowns\ \underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RocPcgqCDE0}}$ Amazing Grace Chris Tomlin https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrwkCOUOlil Be Thou My Vision Audrey Assad https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Optrm7IF16s Praise the Lord (Joyful, Joyful) T4G Live https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGAaRtkovZQ I'm Going Free (Jailbreak) Vertical Band https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APrxBVXF_Tw

- **PRAY** together.
- > **TALK** together about how shame, guilt, and fear are due to sin and part of living in a fallen world. Share how in Christ shame will be replaced with honor, guilt with righteousness, and fear with the power to live in peace with God and others.
- > **BUILD** a Lego City or **DESIGN** your beautiful city filled with the peace, righteousness, and joy of salvation.