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1. Make (v. 1)
2. Come (v. 2)
3. Serve (v. 2)
4. Know (v. 3)
5. Enter (v. 4)
6. Be thankful (v. 4)
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1. Our shouting should be joyful (v. 1)

"Make a joyful noise" - a phrase usually quoted by people who want to excuse their poor singing ability. They would say God did not say make a joyful song, but a joyful noise, and that is what I'm doing - Making noise!

The word "noise" actually means "shout." Make a joyful shout!

The noise is not a fleshly noise (like Christian rock or rap), but it's a joyful one!

What does joy sound like? It sounds like the hurrahs and hallelujahs of victory. it is a happy sound with excitement.

a. The object of our joyful noise is "unto the LORD" (it is aimed at Yahweh - the eternal God; the self-existent one; the great "I AM").

--It is not man centered (Ex: love songs)
--It is not creation centered (Ex: false worship, pantheism, etc.)

b. The scope of our joyful noise is "all ye lands" - lit. all the earth.

Wouldn't it be great to hear the whole world praising God!

One day all of creation will acknowledge Christ's deity and lordship. Phil. 2:9-11

All angels will with a loud voice praise Him (Rev. 5:11-13).

2. Our serving should be glad (v. 2a)

The immediate interpretation of the "service" is that of temple service, which to the Jew meant bringing a sacrifice to the altar.

The first sacrifice that we bring to God is that of our body. This, God calls "your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

How you serve the Lord is every bit as important as if you serve the Lord.

God does not want serving Him to be drudgery, a bore, an unfulfilling obligation, a ritual or routine. But rather He exhorts us to serve Him with gladness!

Service with a smile!

Only a love for the One you are serving can bring such joy.

Only a conviction that your service is not in vain (I Cor. 15:58) can provide joy in it.

Serving the Lord is a purpose for which God saved you! (Eph. 2:10).

3. Our devotions should include singing (v. 2b)

The place of God's presence to the O.T. Jew was God's Temple. We today, because of Christ's work, can boldly approach His throne wherever we are (Heb. 10:19-23). Such confidence gives us every reason to sing!

We can approach God's holy presence with singing, without fear, intimidation, etc.

What do we have to sing about? The things he has done that deserve our thanks (Ps. 95:1-2 - "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms").

Make singing a part of your personal devotional time.

Singing has a way of preparing your heart to receive God's message to you.

B. The Reasons to Rejoice (v. 3)

Why the joyful shout? Why the glad service? Why the singing?

3 reasons are giving in verse 3 -

1. Because of who He is
2. Because of what He has done
3. Because of who I am in relation to Him

1. Because of who He is

"He is God" - He is the one and only Elohim!

Jehovah is Elohim (he is the strongest strong one; He is the exalted one).

Ps. 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

EX: the hymn - "Jesus Loves Me" - "I am weak, but He is strong"

2. Because of <u>what He has done</u>

God is the only rational and viable answer to the question, "Why am I here?" or "Where did I come from?"

--The evolutionists don't have the answer (SEE: Anthropology notes, chapter 1)

--The New Agers don't have the answer (they think they are God's)

"And not we ourselves"

Nothing makes itself. Behind every effect, there is a cause (outside of itself).

Some men think they are God (EX: Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Herod Agrippa - Acts 12; the Mormons, New Agers).

The fact that God is our <u>Creator</u> is a major incentive to our praising Him (SEE: Ps. 95:1-7).

3. Because of <u>who we are in Him</u>

"We are His people" -

While God owns everything, believers are His special property.

I Cor. 6:19-20 - "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's"

Rom. 14:7-8 - "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

I Pet. 2:9-10 - "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

"And the sheep" -

"The Lord is my Shepherd" (Ps. 23)

"The good Shepherd is Christ" (Jn. 10:11, 26-30)

"The chief Shepherd" is Christ (I Pet. 5:4)

"Of His pasture" - the pasture is God's. He lets us feed on it, but it is His.

Note the principle of ownership: God owns everything.

II. **APPRECIATE Him!**

A. The Command to thank God (v. 4)

"The gates . . . and courts" - refers to the Temple gates and courts.

When a O.T. Jew went to the Temple, He was to walk through the gates with a thankful heart!

When a Jew went to the Temple, he would bring a sacrifice (Ps. 66:13); our sacrifice is a sacrifice of praise.

Heb. 13:15-16 - "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

I Pet. 2:5 - "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

"Bless His name" - whenever you utter the name of God, never speak it in vain, but praise His name (for God's name stands for all He is).

He is Elohim (Ps. 46:1)

El Elyon (Gen. 14:18)
El Olam (Gen. 21:33)
El Shaddai (Gen. 17:1)
El Roi (Gen. 16:13)
Jehovah (Ps. 83:18)
Jehovah Jirah (Gen. 22:13-14)
Jehovah Rapha (Ex. 15:26)
Jehovah Nissi (Ex. 17:15)
Jehovah Qadash (Lev. 20:7-8)
Jehovah Shalom (Jud. 6:23-24)
Jehovah Tsidkenu (Jer. 23:6)
Jehovah Shammah (Ezek. 48:35)
Jehovah Sabaoth (I Sam. 17:45)
Jehovah Ra-ah (Ps. 23:1)
Jehovah El Gmolah (Jer. 51:56)
Jehovah Nakeh (Ezek. 7:9)
Adonai (Neh. 10:29)

(for details, see Doctrine of God syllabus)

B. The Reasons to <u>thank God</u> (v. 5)

Why should God be thanked, praised, and blessed?

3 reasons:

1. He is <u>good</u>

God must never be credited with wrong doing.

He always and only does good.

Ps. 25:8 - "Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will He teach sinners in the way."

James 1:17 - "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

2. He is <u>merciful</u>

Cp. Rom. 12:1 - the incentive for the believer's sacrifice is God's mercy.

The Heb. word for mercy points to God's loyal love; or His steadfast devotion.

A key feature about God's mercy is its eternal quality. It never ends (Ps. 136).

3. He is faithful

His truth describes God's faithfulness to His Word.

Ps. 119:89-90a - "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in Heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations."

Ps. 119:160 - "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

Is. 40:8 - "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Gods hall stand for ever."

Mt. 5:18 - "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

Mt. 24:35 - "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

I Pet. 1:25 - "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."