

30 Days Together
“Immanuel - God With Us”
#30daystogether

Day #12 – Dec. 7th

Text: Psalm 66:1-7

Shout for joy to God, all the earth! ²Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.

³Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.

⁴All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You, they sing the praises of Your name.”

⁵Come and see what God has done, His awesome deeds for mankind!

⁶He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in Him.

⁷He rules forever by His power, His eyes watch the nations—let not the rebellious rise up against Him.

Devotion: Pastor Craig

I have always loved the Doxology. As a child and as a Pastor, it has been a wonderful expression of praise in my life to God. Ponder the words of the Doxology:

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

“Praise God” is a lot like David’s words “Shout for Joy to God,” but I must say David’s words strike me as more expressive, more triumphant.

In this season of Advent, I hear Elizabeth and Zechariah “Shouting for Joy” that they will have a son. A son to prepare the nation for the Messiah.

I hear John the Baptizer “Shouting for Joy” that the Messiah is here.

I hear the Angels “Shouting for Joy” for the Messiah has been born as the one who will “Save His people from their sins”. Advent is a time to get ready to “Shout for joy to God.”

Brothers and sisters, David reminded the Children of Israel of what God had done for them. He rescued them from slavery in Egypt by parting the sea and turning “the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot”. God’s work brought forth the ‘shouts of joy’. May we remember God’s work! His work of giving promises and His work of keeping His promises to us. And we respond, “How awesome are Your deeds”

Spend a moment reflecting on “God’s awesome deeds for you”.

Closing Prayer:

“Lord forgive me for a heart that forgets Your work done in love and power for me. Thank you for the work Jesus has done to redeem us and to forgive us. As we rejoice in Jesus’ work, let Immanuel be filled with people who will “Shout for Joy to God” for You have blessed and protected us Your people. Amen”