

# Isaiah 12:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

## Analysis

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The chapter climaxes with joyful proclamation of God's presence. 'Cry out and shout' indicates exuberant, unrestrained worship. 'Thou inhabitant of Zion' addresses God's people who dwell in His presence. The reason for joy: 'great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.' God's holiness and greatness aren't distant abstractions but present realities—He dwells among His people. This Immanuel theology (God with us) runs throughout Isaiah, finding ultimate fulfillment in Christ's incarnation and the Spirit's indwelling.

## Historical Context

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Initially celebrated God's presence in Jerusalem's temple. Fulfilled supremely in Christ—'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us' (John 1:14). Further fulfilled at Pentecost when the Spirit indwelt believers, making them God's temple (1 Corinthians 3:16). The church celebrates the Holy One dwelling not just in a building but in human hearts. This presence justifies exuberant worship and fearless confidence.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does awareness of the Holy One's presence in your midst affect your worship?
2. What does it mean practically that God's greatness and holiness dwell among His people?
3. How should God's presence produce both joy (verse 6) and reverent fear (holiness)?

## Interlinear Text

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Cry out	and shout	thou inhabitant	of Zion	H3588	for great	in the midst
H6670	H7442	H3427	H6726		H1419	H7130
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Zechariah 2:5** (Parallel theme): For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

**Psalms 9:11** (Parallel theme): Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

**Isaiah 41:14** (Holy): Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

**Isaiah 54:1** (Parallel theme): Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

**Isaiah 41:16** (Holy): Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

**Ezekiel 48:35** (Parallel theme): It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.

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