

Jeremiah 33:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

Analysis

The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride—Four 'voices' replace death-silence with life-celebration. Sason (joy) and simchah (gladness) are wedding terms; marriage imagery represents covenant restoration. The bridegroom-bride motif runs from Hosea through Revelation (19:7-9), depicting God's relationship with His people as marital intimacy restored after adultery.

Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever (הוֹדוּ לַיהוָה צְבָאוֹת כִּי־טוֹב יְהוָה כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ, hodu laYHWH Tzeva'ot ki-tov YHWH ki le'olam chasdo)—This is Psalm 136's refrain, the temple liturgy. Restored worship centers on YHWH's chesed (loyal covenant love) that endures forever, despite Israel's unfaithfulness. Grace outlasts judgment.

Historical Context

Babylonian conquest silenced Jerusalem's wedding celebrations and temple worship (Jeremiah 7:34, 16:9). The promised restoration of these joyful sounds signals comprehensive renewal—social (weddings), religious (sacrifices), and communal (praise). The post-exilic community rebuilt the temple and resumed sacrifices (Ezra 3:11 uses this same Psalm 136 refrain), but ultimate fulfillment awaits Christ's marriage supper of the Lamb.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does the restoration of wedding joy represent more than just population growth—what does it say about covenant renewal?
2. Why does restored worship center on God's *chesed* (loyal love) rather than His power or justice?
3. In what ways does the church's worship today anticipate the ultimate 'voice of the bridegroom and bride' at Christ's return?

Interlinear Text

ק ול	שש ון	ק ול	שמח ה	ק ול	קמן	ק ול
The voice	of joy	The voice	of gladness	The voice	of the bridegroom	The voice
H6963	H8342	H6963	H8057	H6963	H2860	H6963
כלה	ק ול	אמר	הודו	את	יהוה:	
of the bride	The voice	of them that shall say	Praise	H853	for the LORD	
H3618	H6963	H559	H3034		H3068	
צבא ות	כי	טוב	יהוה:	כי	לעולם	חסדו
of hosts	H3588	is good	for the LORD	H3588	endureth for ever	for his mercy
H6635		H2896	H3068		H5769	H2617
מבא ים		תודה	יהוה:	בית	יהוה:	כי
and of them that shall bring		the sacrifice of praise		into the house	for the LORD	H3588
H935		H8426		H1004	H3068	
אש יב	את	שבות	האץ	כבראשון	ה	
For I will cause to return	H853	the captivity	of the land	as at the first		
H7725		H7622	H776	H7223		
אמר	יהוה:					
of them that shall say	for the LORD					
H559	H3068					

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 16:34 (Grace): O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalms 107:22 (Sacrifice): And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Psalms 107:1 (Grace): O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalms 106:1 (Grace): Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Hebrews 13:15 (Resurrection): 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.

2 Chronicles 29:31 (Sacrifice): Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

2 Chronicles 5:13 (Grace): It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

Isaiah 51:11 (References Lord): Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Revelation 18:23 (Parallel theme): And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

1 Chronicles 16:8 (References Lord): Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.