

# 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

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**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**—**הָדוּ לְהַלְהָא צְבָאות פָּיטָבָה וְהַלְהָא פִּי לְעוֹלָם חָסְדוֹ**—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

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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

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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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

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קְלִיל	שְׁמַחַת	קְלִיל	קְלִיל	קְלִיל	קְלִיל	קְלִיל	קְלִיל
<b>The voice</b>	<b>of joy</b>	<b>The voice</b>	<b>of gladness</b>	<b>The voice</b>	<b>of the bridegroom</b>	<b>The voice</b>	
H6963	H8342	H6963	H8057	H6963	H2860		H6963
כָּלָה	אָמַר	הָדָן	אָתָה	הָדָן	אָתָה	הָדָן	
<b>of the bride</b>	<b>The voice</b>	<b>of them that shall say</b>		<b>Praise</b>	<b>H853</b>	<b>for the LORD</b>	
H3618	H6963	H559		H3034		H3068	
מֶלֶךְ	טָבֵעַ	לְעוֹלָם	מִזְמָדָר				
<b>of hosts</b>	<b>is good</b>	<b>for the LORD</b>		<b>endureth for ever</b>	<b>for his mercy</b>		
H6635	H2896	H3068		H5769		H2617	
מְבָאֵם	תְּנוּךְ	בְּיַתְּרוֹן	יְהָה				
<b>and of them that shall bring</b>	<b>the sacrifice of praise</b>	<b>into the house</b>	<b>for the LORD</b>				
H935	H8426	H1004	H3068				H3588
אָשֵׁר יְבָרַא	שְׁבּוֹת	הַאֲרַץ	כִּבְרָא שָׁנָה				
<b>For I will cause to return</b>	<b>the captivity</b>	<b>of the land</b>	<b>as at the first</b>				
H7725	H7622	H776	H7223				
אָמַר	יְהָה						
<b>of them that shall say</b>	<b>for the LORD</b>						
H559	H3068						

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.