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“Outcry”

*“The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.”
(Psalm 34:15)*

The Outcry of Jesus

Hebrews 5:7 – “In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and **he was heard** because of his reverence.”

John 11:35, 43 – (35) Jesus wept... (43) When he had said these things, **he cried out with a loud voice**, ‘Lazarus, come out.’”

Matthew 27:50-53 – (50) “And **Jesus cried out again with a loud voice** and yielded up his spirit. (51) And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. (52) The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, (53) and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 – (16) “For the Lord himself will descend from heaven **with a cry of command**, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.”

When Jesus cries out, good things happen

Those Whom God Hears

Genesis 21:14-19 – (14) “So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. (15) When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. (16) Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, ‘Let me not look on the death of the child.’ And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. (17) **And God heard the voice of the boy** (*Ishmael – God Hears*), and the angel of God called to Hagar from

heaven and said to her, ‘What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. (18) Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation.’ (19) Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.”

Romans 8:15-18 – (15) “For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry (*croak, scream, shriek*), ‘Abba! Father!’ (16) The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

God Hears the Cry of His Children

The Lord Hears the Righteous

Isaiah 38:1-5 – (1) “In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order, for you shall die, you shall not recover.’ (2) Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, (3) and said, ‘Please, O LORD, remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.’ And Hezekiah wept bitterly. (4) Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: (5) ‘Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your life.”

...but Refuses the Wicked

Hebrews 12:15-17 – (15) “See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no ‘root of bitterness’ springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; (16) that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. (17) For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

When is the last time I cried out to God?

Has a “bitter root” developed in my life that needs eradicating?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)