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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Ps. 100:1 *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

The Hebrew word for *shout* is **hariau** which means *to cry out, to raise your battle cry, or to shout joyfully*. Think for just a moment about times when you let out a joyful shout. Surely these were moments of extreme joy or happiness. There will be a day when the whole earth will shout out with complete joy. This will be the day that the Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

Mt. 10:26-27, Jesus says: *So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim (shout) from the roofs.* Are you ready to shout for joy?

I have this ‘air-horn’ that I keep in my pulpit. From time to time, I will randomly pull it out quickly and let loose a blast (to my congregation’s shock). And then I will say, ***“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.”*** I did this for years with our youth groups. We called it “rapture practice.” When they heard the horn, we would all jump. Are you ready? Maybe today, or maybe tomorrow, but soon the LORD will come again. We need to be shouting for joy to the LORD. His coming will be at a time when you are not ready. The remedy? Let’s be shouting praise to Him continuously. Let us be lifting Him up as He deserves. Now you might be thinking that people will wonder about you if you do this. Oh well. I’d rather people wonder about me than the LORD know about me. Let’s begin to shout to the LORD now. Let’s let people hear the good news that He is LORD and that He is coming soon! Let’s not hold back. Everyone needs to hear. Shout for joy today!

Dear LORD, we choose to shout for joy to You today! Let our lips and our lives, ring out with praise to You O LORD. You deserve all of our praise. Help us to be joyful, even in times of affliction and sorrow. We want to lift You up today! In Jesus Name, Amen.