

SONGS FOR THE NIGHT

Job 35:9-10 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make *the oppressed* to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty. 10 But none saith, Where *is* God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;

I. Anne and the Neighbor

A. The neighbor complained

1. Physical Problems
2. Family Problems
3. Financial Problems
4. Emotional Problems
5. Mental Problems

B. Anne grew fed up

1. Why don't you go see a doctor, a counselor, a banker, a therapist, and a shrink and get your problems fixed?
2. Her response: Then what would you and I have to talk about anymore?

a) The neighbor liked to complain

b) She had grown comfortable with her problems

II. Physical Limitations

A. As Humans we have physical limitations

1. There is only so much that the human body can endure
 2. There is only so much that the human mind can endure
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3. There is only so much that the human soul can endure
- a) *God designed us to have “release valves”*
 - b) *Some people let little things pile up higher and higher*
 - c) *These small problems turn into great big ones*
 - d) *Like a pressure cooker they will eventually explode if they do not “vent” in some way*
- (1) The way that humanity releases pain and frustration is in a vent of emotion
 - (2) Some release by complaining, some by crying
 - (3) What’s the difference? Let’s look at Job.

III. Job

- A. Multitude of Oppressions
 - 1. They have many problems
 - B. They MAKE the oppressed to cry out
 - 1. There is only so much that a human can take
 - C. So they cry
 - 1. To shout aloud – non directional
 - 2. To shriek as in terror
 - a) *Oh Woe is me*
 - b) *They are having a pity party*
 - c) *Or they are paralyzed by their problems*
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D. Because of the arm of the mighty

1. Why do they cry?

a) They cry because they are oppressed by other that they feel are more powerful than they are

b) They do not feel that they have any recourse or way to solve their problems

E. But none saith

1. They cry as in complain

2. But nobody cries to God

3. Nobody goes to God and asks Him to help

F. My maker

1. They are unwilling to humble themselves

2. They cannot admit that they cannot solve their problems on their own

3. They are unwilling to submit themselves to God's rule

a) So they go on complaining but not crying

b) They go on shrieking but not asking

c) They go on suffering but not submitting

G. Who gives songs in the night

1. Songs are not usually sung at night time

a) Notice that the night does not immediately end, but a song is given

Acts 16: 22-26 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. 23 And when

they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. 25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

IV. Paul and Silas

A. In Prison

1. Multitude of oppressions
2. Beaten and in stocks
 - a) *They did not complain, they cried unto God*
 - b) *And He gave them a song for their night*

B. Sunrise

1. Boy Scouts
 - a) *Dawn breakfast*
 - b) *Just before the sun rises the birds start to sing*
 - c) *It's still dark but they begin to sing*
 - d) *Because they can feel the approach of the Sunrise*
 2. If we can learn to cry out to God
 - a) *He will help us to sing in the night*
 - (1) You can praise in your problem
 - b) *And as we begin to sing, we will feel the approach of the SON rise in our lives*
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c) *The SON rises as Jesus the Son of God steps into our situation*

C. Son Rise

1. Paul and Silas sang in the night – God released them from prison
2. If we can cry out to God and get a song for our night, God will release us from our situation

V. Choice

A. Complaining

1. Does not solve the problem
2. Often does not even make you feel better
3. Complaining leads to bitterness
4. Complaining comes from pride
 - a) *I should not have to suffer*
 - b) *I should be able to solve my own problem*
 - c) *I don't need God or anyone else*
 - d) *The children of Israel complained in the desert and were cut off by God*

B. Crying

1. Crying to Jesus is an act of submission
 - a) *I can't fix this on my own*
 2. Crying to Jesus can solve your problem
 - a) *It doesn't matter what your problem is, Jesus is the*
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Answer!

3. Jesus can give you a song for your night
 - a) *For the hurting soul a song of comfort*
 - b) *For the depressed soul a song of joy*
 - c) *For the searching soul a song of revelation*
 - d) *For the sinner a song of salvation*
 - e) *For the oppressed a song of deliverance*
4. Paul and Silas got a song for their night and were released from prison
 - a) *The choice is yours today, to complain or to cry*
 - b) *To continue as you are or to get a song for your night*
 - (1) Repentance, Baptism in Jesus Name, Receive the Holy Ghost
 - (2) Come and cry to God –

1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.
