

WHEN DOVES CRY

Exodus 2:23-25 And it came to pass in **process of time**, that the **king of Egypt died**: and the **children of Israel sighed** by reason of the bondage, **and they cried**, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. 24 And God **heard their groaning**, and God **remembered his covenant** with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And **God looked** upon the children of Israel, and God had **respect** unto them. **Exodus 3:6-10** Moreover he said, **I am the God** of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. And the LORD said, **I have surely seen** the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have **heard their cry** by reason of their taskmasters; for **I know their sorrows**; And **I am come down to deliver** them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. **Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh**, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

CRY to utter inarticulate sounds esp. of lamentation, grief, or suffering, usually with tears (etymology - L. QUIRITES - wielder of the spear, also L. PLANGERE - to beat the breast (c.p. Luke 18:13))
SIGH to let out a breath audibly, as from sorrow, weariness, or relief (i.e. an audible exhale)
WAIL a prolonged mournful cry
GROAN a low mournful sound uttered in pain or grief

The **PROBLEM** in the **WORLD** today
 is that **EVERYONE IS COMPLAINING**
 and **NOBODY is CRYING.....**

3 REASONS WHY 'CRIES' ARE NOT BEING HEARD

1. you're 'CRYING' to the **WRONG PERSON** (the 'oppressor' {world/Satan} and not the 'liberator' {Jesus})
2. there is no **PETITION** in your CRY (you haven't 'asked')
3. our CRIES are **COMPLAINTS**

ELEMENTS OF A TRUE 'CRY'

- **ACKNOWLEDGMENT** (I don't have 'IT'.....)
- **REVERENCE** (GOD's 'got' 'IT'.....)
- **DESIRE** (I want 'IT'.....)
- **PETITION** (GOD, I want 'IT')

EXAMPLES OF THOSE IN SCRIPTURE WHO 'CRIED'

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOSES (Ex 15:25, Num 20:16) • SAMUEL (1Sam 7:9) • DAVID (2 Sam 22:7, Ps 3:4, 18:6, 28:1) • HEZEKIAH (2Ki 20:1-6) • ISAIAH (2Ki 20:11, Isa 12:6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MORDECAI (Est 4:1-3) • JOB (Job 30:20) • JEREMIAH (Lam 3:56) • JONAH (Jonah 2:2) • JESUS (Mt 27:46, Lk 23:46, John 7:37, 11:48)
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CRIES VS COMPLAINTS

<u>CRIES</u>	<u>COMPLAINTS</u>	<u>CRIES</u>	<u>COMPLAINTS</u>
INTERNALLY sourced	EXTERNALLY sourced	breeds ACTION	breeds EXCUSES
honor GOD	dishonor GOD	fuels DETERMINATION	fosters DEFEAT
comes with TEARS	comes with ATTITUDE	TAKE responsibility	SHIFT responsibility
investigates the CAUSE	condemns the CONDITION	results in CHANGE	results in COMPLACENCY
seek ANSWERS	seeks RELIEF	leads to FREEDOM	preserves the BONDAGE
reflects STRENGTH	reflects WEAKNESS		

SERMON POINTS - WHEN YOU CRY....

1. you get GOD's **ATTENTION** (2:24-25)

- He **HEARS** (...GOD heard their groaning)
- He **REMEMBERS** (...GOD remembers the covenant)
- He **LOOKS** (...GOD looked upon Israel)
- He **PLANS** (...GOD had respect on them)

you are now 'ON HIS MIND'

2. you get GOD's **ANSWER** (3:6-8)

- He **IDENTIFIES** (I AM the GOD of thy Father)
- He **ACKNOWLEDGES** (I've HEARD their cry...)
- He **AFFIRMS** (I KNOW their sorrows.....)
- He **ACTS** (I am COME down...)

you are now 'IN HIS MOUTH'

3. you get GOD's **ASSIGNMENT** (3:10)

- **YOU** will **COME** (Come now therefore...)
- **YOU** will **GO** (I will send thee...)
- **YOU** will **DELIVER** (that thou mayest bring forth...)

you are now "ON HIS MISSION"

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING TEXT

Ps 30:2 O LORD my God, **I cried unto thee**, and thou hast healed me.

Psalms 126:5 They that **sow in tears** shall reap in joy.

Jeremiah 9:20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come: And let them make haste, and **take up a wailing for us**, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out. Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and **teach your daughters wailing**, and every **one her neighbour lamentation**.

Ps 34:6 This **poor man cried**, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Ps 34:15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and **his ears are open unto their cry**.

Pr 21:13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the **cry of the poor**, he also shall cry himself, **but shall not be heard**.