"The Voice of the Lord Shatters the Enemy" Dr Janet Cook, Senior Pastor Sunday, September 18 © Praysers Ministries, dba River of Life Community Church

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Isaiah 30:31-32 "The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria; with his rod he will strike them down. Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing club will be to the music of timbrels and harps, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm."

- The voice of God defines His will in the kingdom.
- The Body of Christ fulfills God's will and makes it so.

Psalm 47:5 "God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets."

"Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!" Psalm 47:1 (NKJV).

Shout = H8643 - roo-ah' – Ruah - clamor, that is, acclamation of joy or a battle cry; especially clangor of trumpets, as an alarum: - alarm, blow (-ing) (of, the) (trumpets), joy, jubile, loud noise, rejoicing, shout (-ing), (high, joyful) sound (-ing).

It is a breakthrough sound!

noise, smart, shout (for joy), sound an alarm, triumph.

The Sound of Lions Roaring

"The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies" Isaiah 42:13 (KJV).

- Cry, yea, roar it means they go together
- Cry Ruah roar to roar like a lion.

God Identifies Himself with the Roar of a Lion.

Hosea 11:10 "They will follow the LORD; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west."

The Lord Roars from Zion.

"The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel" Joel 3:16 (NKJV).

The Lord God has Spoken.

"Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?" Amos 3:7-8 (NKJV).

- The lion is called the king of beasts because he sounds like God.
- God identifies his voice as sounding like the roar of a lion.

3 Reasons Why Lions Roar:

- 1. They roar to identify their family.
- 2. They roar to identify their territory.
- 3. There are two kinds of male lions, one who lead prides and family and one who does not.

When the head lion of the pride roars he is communicating:

- No enemy better come near.
- This is my family, this is my territory, and every enemy better flee.

Satan is walking around like a roaring lion.

1 Peter 5:8-9a "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..."

Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah.

"But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals' Revelation 5:5 (NKJV).

On the Day of Pentecost He released his roar.

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting" Acts 2:2 (NKJV).

The sound – echio – a roaring sound - the wind sounds like a roar.

Like the prophetic act of faith at Jericho

"So the people shouted when *the priests* blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city" Joshua 6:20 (NKJV).

Everything about us, from the time we were saved to today, is dependent upon hearing the voice of God.

- The body of Christ must work; God's Kingdom must be established; and the Voice of God must be heard.
- "...Jesus answered him, saying, 'It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone but by every word [rhema] of God'" Luke 4:4 (NKJV) (Comment added).
- "...because you are strong and the word [logos] of God abides in you and you have overcome the wicked one" 1 John 2:14b (NKJV) (Comment added).

If the word of God abides in us, we overcome (subdue and conquer) the wicked spiritual forces.

"Out of the mouth of babes and suckling's hast though ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightiest still the enemy and the avenger" Psalm 8:2 (KJV).

"Jesus said unto them, 'Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?'" Mathew 21:16b (KJV).