

Cry Out To God! *(He will answer you!)*

Purpose: to show the right way to cry out to God (with patience, a loyal heart and in His righteousness) and encourage the listeners to do it!

Can you remember a time when things were so bad that you found yourself groaning? Have you ever been in a place where you have had to cry out to God?

Quick review:

Things gradually became very difficult for the children of Israel after they came to Egypt:

- The Egyptians brought them into slavery and hard labour
- They determined to kill all of the males of the Hebrews
- Moses was born, and God had his hand on him, even though he ended up fleeing into the wilderness.

There is something very important in three verses at the end of chapter 2:

Exo 2:23 - Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage.

Exo 2:24 - So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Exo 2:25 - And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.

What did they do?

- Groaned (Hebrew anach – to sigh, groan (in pain or grief), mourn, gasp)
- Cried out
- This happens when things are very difficult.
- Example: my son's earache.

What was God's response to the children of Israel?

- Their cry came up to God
- God *heard* their groaning
- God *remembered* his covenant
- God *looked* upon them
- God *acknowledged* them

Remember, God knows what is going on:

*Pro 15:3 - The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
Keeping watch on the evil and the good.*

*Psa 11:4 - The LORD is in His holy temple,
The LORD's throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold,*

His eyelids test the sons of men.

What do you have to do to get God to respond?

Call on Him

***Psa 50:15** - Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."*

***Psa 91:15** - He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.*

***Psa 18:6** - In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God;
He heard my voice from His temple,
And my cry came before Him, even to His ears.*

***Psa 107:6** - Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distresses.*

Be patient

***Psa 40:1** - I waited patiently for the LORD;
And He inclined to me,
And heard my cry.*

Have a loyal heart

***2Ch 16:9** - For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to
show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.*

Be righteous

***Psa 34:15** - The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their cry.*

Conclusion:

- Cry out to God – call on Him!
- Wait for God – be patient!
- Be real with God – have a loyal heart!
- Be righteous before God – let Jesus in!