

# Joy In Spontaneous Praise

Luke 19:28-44

## Introduction:

*“When fate hands us a lemon, let’s try to make lemonade.” - Dale Carnegie*

*“Go outside to the fields, enjoy nature and the sunshine, go out and try to recapture happiness in yourself and in God. Think of all the beauty that’s still left in and around you and be happy.” - Anne Frank*

*How can I experience enjoyment in God?*

- I. When God shows up unexpectedly, **break out** in spontaneous praise.
  - A. Palm Sunday crowd erupted in spontaneous praise. Luke 19:36-38
  - B. King David burst into spontaneous praise. 2 Samuel 6:12-15
  - C. Job burst into spontaneous praise. Job 1:20-22
  - D. God often shows up in humble circumstances.
  - E. Beware of those who want to stop your spontaneous joy because of reasonable doubts.
    - 1) Pharisees – reasonable theological doubts.
    - 2) Crowds – reasonable doubts of populous sentiments.
    - 3) David’s wife – reasonable doubts of appropriateness.
    - 4) Job’s wife – reasonable doubts of theodicy. Job 2:7-10
  
- II. When you are imprisoned by negative circumstances that want to make you doubt God – have **the courage** to still break out in spontaneous praise.
  - A. Spontaneous praise is joy **under attack**. Job 13:15; Nehemiah 8:10
  - B. Spontaneous praise is joy in **all circumstances**. Philippians 4:4
  - C. Spontaneous praise is joy **that liberates**. Acts 16:25-30

*“Theodicy is the branch of theology concerned with defending the attributes of God against objections resulting from physical and moral evil.”*