

THE VOICE

Part 4: A Rejoicing Voice

Text: *Psalm 118:15*

A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORDS (*Ephesians 4:25, 29-31 NKJV*)

A. Words

1. No lying; we speak truth (*Ephesians 4:15 NKJV*)
2. No toxic poison words that cause harm and hurt
3. No clamor - loud quarreling (*James 3:17 NKJV*)
4. Evil speaking - verbal abuse against someone

A REJOICING VOICE IS A DEFINITIVE DIFFERENCE

A. Rejoice: to be joyful, to be glad, to gloat

1. The opposite from sad, despairing and complaining

B. Rejoicing is unmistakably intentional (*Psalm 9:2 NKJV*)

1. David says "I will" four times

C. Rejoicing is an expression of our faith (*Psalm 5:11-12 NKJV*)

1. We rejoice because we put our trust in God
2. We rejoice for what God has done for us (*Psalm 31:7-8 NKJV*) (*Psalm 63:7 NKJV*)

D. Rejoicing is a great connection with the Lord (*Isaiah 64:5a NKJV*)

1. He meets (encounters, reaches) those who rejoice
2. This is the way we conduct our selves in The Highest Court (*Psalm 100:1-5 NKJV*)

DAVIDS' EXAMPLE OF REJOICING

A. Nowhere to run and hide (*1 Samuel 21:10-15 NKJV*)

1. Had to run to the enemy's land and then act crazy to escape
2. David wrote the 34th Psalm after this incident

B. Escaped to a cave (*1 Samuel 22:1-2 NKJV*)

1. Still concerned for his life
2. All the unhappy people joined him
3. Instead of writing the blues he writes (*Psalm 57:1 & 7 NKJV*)