

Sounds from the Past
Genesis 6:11-17
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the sounds of events in the Bible.

- Intro:
1. Sounds have a way of making a lasting impression.
 2. We find many sounds of the Bible that no doubt can leave a lasting impression and for good reason.
 3. **Genesis 6:11-17**

I. Sounds from the past, the scary

A. Sodom and Gomorrah (**Gen 19:24-25,27-28**)

1. God rained (showing the amount) from heaven fire & brimstone.
 - a. Brimstone is another word used for sulfur, which is bright yellow in color
2. The sound of fire and brimstone, possibly brimstone(sulfur) that was burning as it came down.

B. The Closing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14:22-23,26-31)

1. Walls of water, an amazing image to consider (**v.22**)
2. The Egyptians follow Israel through the sea (**v.23**)
 - a. The sound of of water walls collapsing and killing soldiers and destroying this army must of be incredible. (**v.26-27**)
 - i. Not just the sound of the water but the sound of the destruction cause by the water (**v.28-31**)

II. Sounds from the past, the good

A. The Walls of Jericho (Joshua 6:17,20 Heb 11:30)

1. The sound of victory in the shout of obedience (**Joshua 6:17,20, Heb 11:30**)
2. The walls fell flat! (**Graphic slide**)
 - a. These were not flimsy walls these were the walls of a city!
 - i. Walls designed with a purpose and they fell flat!
 - i. The sound would have been incredible.

B. Sounds of Victory Battles

1. The Lord Thundered...
 - a. It was a thunderous victory (**1 Sam 7:10**, followed by **graphic**)
2. The fall of Goliath
 - a. It was the shortest and most decisive fight possible of all the old testament (**1 Sam 17:48-50,51**)
 - i. (**Graphic**) Does a 9-foot giant array in all his amour make a sound when he falls, yes!
 - ii. What about the sound of his fellow soldiers when they saw he was dead (**v.51b**). what sounds did they utter as their fearless leader fell

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Obedience & Disobedience each have their own sound

1. **Deut 30:15-20**

B. Nothing has changed today.

1. Examples of sounds of God's punishment today

- a. Statements such as "God doesn't hear my prayer"
or "He didn't answer my prayer"

- b. Those focused on pleasures rather than righteousness (**Mt 6:19-21**)

2. Examples of sounds of God's provided victories today

- a. Blessings from Him (**Ps 23:5, James 1:17**)

- b. Blessings of contentment and peace come from obedience (**Ps 4:6-8**)

c. Remember the sounds of the cross

- i. The chanting (**Mk 15:13-14**)

- ii. The scourging (**Mk 15:15**)

- iii. The nails (**Lk 23:33**)

- iv. His death (**Lk 23:46**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. The best sound a person can make today, the sound of the great confession (**Mt 16:15-16**)

2. Why not do the same today and follow that sound with the sound of complete obedience.

- a. The sound of baptism, the sound of rejoicing and the sound of continued obedience (**Jn 14:15**)

3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9