

***Psalm 66: "Exhort one another daily, while it is called today"*** [Heb 3:13](#)

Part I – verses 1 to 7

**[Psa 66:1](#)** To the chief Musician, A Song *or* Psalm. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

**[Psa 66:2](#)** Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

**[Psa 66:3](#)** Say unto God, How terrible *art thou in* thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

**[Psa 66:4](#)** All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing *to* thy name. Selah.

**[Psa 66:5](#)** Come and see the works of God: *he is terrible in his* doing toward the children of men.

**[Psa 66:6](#)** He turned the sea into dry *land*: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

**[Psa 66:7](#)** He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

*"Make a joyful noise unto God"*

*"Sing forth the honour of his name"*

and *"Say unto God"* "How **terrible** [H3372](#) *art thou in* thy works!"

Scripture shows us clearly that God gets our attention through fear [H3372](#) but then tells us to "fear not". Just look at the first two entries of the word *yâre'* to begin to demonstrate this point.

## **H3372**

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*yâre'*

**Total KJV Occurrences:** 316

### **fear, 148**

[Gen 15:1](#), [Gen 21:17](#), [Gen 26:24](#), [Gen 35:17](#), [Gen 43:23](#), [Gen 46:3](#), [Gen 50:19](#),  
[Gen 50:21](#), [Exo 9:30](#), [Exo 14:13](#), [Exo 20:20](#), [Lev 19:3](#), [Lev 19:14](#), [Lev 19:32](#), [Lev 25:17](#),  
[Lev 25:36](#), [Lev 25:43](#), [Num 14:9](#) (2), [Num 21:34](#), [Deu 1:21](#), [Deu 3:2](#), [Deu 3:22](#), [Deu 4:10](#),  
[Deu 5:29](#), [Deu 6:2](#), [Deu 6:13](#), [Deu 6:24](#), [Deu 8:6](#), [Deu 10:12](#), [Deu 10:20](#), [Deu 13:4](#),  
[Deu 13:11](#), [Deu 14:23](#), [Deu 17:13](#), [Deu 19:19-20](#) (2), [Deu 20:3](#), [Deu 21:21](#), [Deu 28:58](#),  
[Deu 31:6](#), [Deu 31:8](#), [Deu 31:12-13](#) (2), [Jos 4:24](#), [Jos 8:1](#), [Jos 10:8](#), [Jos 10:25](#), [Jos 24:14](#),  
[Jdg 4:18](#), [Jdg 6:10](#), [Jdg 6:23](#), [Rth 3:11](#), [1Sa 4:20](#), [1Sa 12:14](#), [1Sa 12:20](#), [1Sa 12:24](#),  
[1Sa 22:23](#), [1Sa 23:17](#), [2Sa 9:7](#), [2Sa 13:28](#), [1Ki 8:40](#), [1Ki 8:43](#), [1Ki 17:13](#), [1Ki 18:12](#),  
[2Ki 6:16](#), [2Ki 17:28](#), [2Ki 17:35-39](#) (5), [2Ki 25:24](#), [1Ch 28:20](#), [2Ch 6:31](#), [2Ch 6:33](#),  
[2Ch 20:17](#), [Neh 1:11](#), [Neh 6:14](#), [Neh 6:19](#), [Job 1:9](#), [Job 9:35](#), [Job 11:15](#), [Job 37:24](#),  
[Psa 23:4](#), [Psa 27:1](#), [Psa 27:3](#), [Psa 34:8-9](#) (2), [Psa 40:3](#), [Psa 46:2](#), [Psa 52:5-6](#) (2),  
[Psa 55:19](#), [Psa 64:4](#) (2), [Psa 64:9](#), [Psa 67:7](#), [Psa 72:5](#), [Psa 86:11](#), [Psa 102:15](#), [Psa 118:6](#),  
[Psa 119:63](#), [Pro 3:7](#), [Pro 24:21](#), [Ecc 3:14](#), [Ecc 5:7](#), [Ecc 12:12-13](#) (2), [Isa 7:4](#), [Isa 8:12](#),  
[Isa 35:3-4](#) (2), [Isa 41:10](#), [Isa 41:13-14](#) (2), [Isa 43:1](#), [Isa 43:5](#), [Isa 44:2](#), [Isa 51:7](#), [Isa 54:4](#),  
[Isa 54:14](#), [Isa 59:19](#), [Jer 5:22](#), [Jer 5:24](#), [Jer 10:7](#), [Jer 23:4](#), [Jer 30:10](#), [Jer 32:39](#),

Jer 40:9, Jer 46:27-28 (2), Jer 51:46, Lam 3:57, Eze 3:9, Dan 10:12, Dan 10:19, Joe 2:21, Amo 3:8, Mic 7:17, Zep 3:7, Zep 3:16, Hag 1:12, Hag 2:5, Zec 8:13, Zec 8:15, Mal 3:5 (2)

### **afraid, 78**

Gen 3:10, Gen 18:15, Gen 20:8, Gen 28:17, Gen 31:31, Gen 32:7, Gen 42:35, Gen 43:18, Exo 3:6, Exo 14:10, Exo 34:30, Num 12:8, Deu 1:29, Deu 5:4-5 (2), Deu 7:18, Deu 20:1, Deu 28:10, Jos 9:24, Jos 11:6, 1Sa 7:7 (2), 1Sa 17:11, 1Sa 17:24, 1Sa 18:12, 1Sa 18:29, 1Sa 21:12, 1Sa 28:5, 1Sa 28:13, 1Sa 28:20, 1Sa 31:4, 2Sa 1:14, 2Sa 6:9, 2Ki 1:15 (2), 2Ki 10:4, 2Ki 19:6, 2Ki 25:26, 1Ch 10:4, 1Ch 13:12, 2Ch 20:15, 2Ch 32:7, Neh 2:2, Neh 4:14, Neh 6:9, Neh 6:13, Job 5:21-22 (2), Job 6:21, Psa 3:6, Psa 49:16, Psa 56:3, Psa 56:11, Psa 65:8, Psa 91:5, Psa 112:7-8 (2), Psa 119:120, Pro 3:25, Pro 31:21, Ecc 12:5, Isa 10:24, Isa 37:6, Isa 40:9, Isa 51:12, Jer 1:8, Jer 10:5, Jer 26:21, Jer 41:18, Jer 42:11 (2), Eze 2:6 (3), Joe 2:22, Jon 1:5, Jon 1:10, Hab 3:2

### **feared, 39**

Gen 19:30, Gen 26:7, Exo 1:17, Exo 1:21, Exo 2:14, Exo 14:31, Jos 4:14 (2), Jos 10:2, Jdg 6:27, Jdg 8:20, 1Sa 3:15, 1Sa 12:18, 1Sa 14:26, 1Sa 15:24, 2Sa 3:11, 2Sa 10:19, 2Sa 12:18, 1Ki 1:50, 1Ki 3:28, 2Ki 17:7, 2Ki 17:25, 1Ch 16:25, 2Ch 20:3, Neh 7:2, Psa 76:7-8 (2), Isa 41:4-5 (3), Isa 57:11, Jer 3:8, Jer 44:10, Eze 11:8, Hos 10:3, Jon 1:16, Mal 2:5, Mal 3:16 (2)

### **terrible, 30**

Exo 34:10, Deu 1:19, Deu 7:21, Deu 8:15, Deu 10:17, Deu 10:21, Jdg 13:6, 2Sa 7:23, Neh 1:5, Neh 4:14, Neh 9:32, Job 37:22, Psa 45:4, Psa 47:2, Psa 65:5, Psa 66:3, Psa 66:5, Psa 68:35, Psa 76:12, Psa 99:3, Psa 106:22, Psa 145:6, Isa 18:2, Isa 18:7, Isa 21:1, Isa 64:3, Eze 1:22, Joe 2:11, Joe 2:31, Zep 2:11

### **dreadful, 5**

Gen 28:17, Dan 9:4, Hab 1:7, Mal 1:14, Mal 4:5

### **reverence, 3**

Lev 19:30, Lev 26:2, Psa 89:7

### **feareth, 2**

1Ki 1:51, Psa 112:1

### **fearful, 2**

Exo 15:11, Deu 28:58

### **affright, 1**

2Ch 32:18

### **dread, 1**

1Ch 22:13

### **durst, 1**

Job 32:6

### **fearest, 1**

Isa 57:11

### **fearfully, 1**

[Psa 139:14](#)

**fearing, 1**

[Jos 22:25](#)

**reverend, 1**

[Psa 111:9](#)

**see, 1**

[Isa 60:5](#)

**terribleness, 1**

[1Ch 17:21](#)

We are called to "make a joyful noise unto God" and "sing forth the honour of his name", and in doing this we will grow in our appreciation of God's grandeur and mercy and "say unto God" "How **terrible** *art thou in thy works!*" as we come to learn that it is "through the greatness of thy power" that "thine enemies submit themselves unto thee."

The Lord is blessing the elect today to be able to understand that we can be brought to a place of a joyful heart and lips of thanksgiving where we give thanks to God that the enemy within us can be made to be brought into subjection unto Him through "the greatness of thy power" ([Heb 13:15-16](#) , [Isa 57:19](#))

[Heb 13:15](#) By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

[Heb 13:16](#) But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

[Isa 57:19](#) I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is far off*, and to *him that is near*, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

This submission to and praising of God is something that all the earth will eventually do ([Rom 14:11](#)). All mankind will one day worship God because of His great power and Sovereignty over all flesh ([Psa 86:9](#)). We rejoice today and are full of joy when we see the Lord putting us in trials and taking us out of them by His power which is what this 66th Psalm is really focused on ([Jas 1:2-9](#) , [Psa 107:8-9](#)).

[Rom 14:11](#) For it is written, *As I live*, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

[Psa 86:9](#) All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

[Jas 1:2](#) My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

[Jas 1:3](#) Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

[Jas 1:4](#) But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

[Jas 1:5](#) If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

[Jas 1:6](#) But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of

the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

[Jas 1:7](#) For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

[Jas 1:8](#) A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

[Jas 1:9](#) Let the brother of low degree [G5011](#) rejoice in that he is exalted:

[Psa 107:8](#) Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

[Psa 107:9](#) For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Not knowing God is Sovereign makes it impossible for the flesh of man to give thanks to God for the trials, but in time and by the grace and faith that He gives we are brought to a place of thanks giving for these much needed wonderful works that the Master Potter is working in the lives of all humanity but mercifully revealing to us today what there purpose is as they perfect the saints ([Jas 1:4](#) , [Rev 14:12](#) , [Rev 13:10](#) , [Eph 4:11-12](#)) and prepare them to be able to bind up all the wounds that God has allowed and will allow through the evil experience that we all must experience in this life ([Ecc 1:13](#) , [Rev 21:4](#) , [Isa 61:1](#))

[Jas 1:4](#) But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

[Rev 14:12](#) Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

[Rev 13:10](#) He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

[Ecc 1:13](#) And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

[Rev 21:4](#) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

[Isa 61:1](#) The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

No discipline or trial "seemeth to be joyous" as the King James expresses it "but grievous". Nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness ([Heb 12:11-17](#)), and so in this study we will look at the process of praise and how it is formed through the fiery trials of this life that mature us in our appreciation of God's greatness and mighty hand which is not shortened that it cannot save ([Isa 59:1](#) , [Heb 12:2](#)).

[Isa 59:1](#) Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

[Heb 12:11](#) Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are

exercised thereby.

[Heb 12:12](#) Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

[Heb 12:13](#) And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

[Heb 12:14](#) Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

[Heb 12:15](#) Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

[Heb 12:16](#) Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

[Heb 12:17](#) For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

[Heb 12:2](#) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

[Heb 12:3](#) For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

God does not need our praise or even our thankful hearts, but He knows how to form this within us through the gift of the holy spirit which brings us to deeply appreciate the trials and subsequent repentance that going through fiery trials bring us to ([Luk 17:17](#) , [Rom 2:4](#)). It is for our benefit that we come to be able to praise God and think upon His "goodness and severity" ([Rom 11:22](#)) as He reveals his purpose for all that He does in our lives and the lives of all of humanity.

Our perception and understanding of God as a merciful and loving Father matures in understanding and conviction after we are received through chastening and scourging. It is God's modus operandi to create a relationship with all men that will be founded on a deep reverence and love of God as we come to learn that He has always done all things for our good ([Rom 8:28](#) , [Eph 1:11](#)), including the chastening and scourging and bringing us to a place of worship and thanks unto Him for being our great Abba Father ([Heb 12:6](#) , [Rom 8:15](#) , [Gal 4:6](#)).

[Rom 8:28](#) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

[Eph 1:11](#) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

[Heb 12:6](#) For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

[Rom 8:15](#) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

[Gal 4:6](#) And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

*any comments on these first three verses and introduction to our study?*

**Psa 66:4** All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

**Psa 66:5** Come and see the works of God: *he is terrible* **H3372** in his doing toward the children of men.

**Psa 66:6** He turned the sea into dry *land*: they went through the flood on foot **H7272**: there did we rejoice in him.

We know this is not just a history lesson of Israel of old but a witness, a type and shadow of what God is going to do with all men spiritually (**1Co 10:11** , **1Pe 1:12**), each man in his order (**1Co 15:23**). We will all eventually speak of the wonderful works of God that took us from the sea (humanity) and brought us into "dry *land*" (the church).

Notice that "they went through the flood on foot" and that word "foot" has its root in the word **râgal H7270** which speaks to the slanderous spirit of the age of this spiritual wilderness we are in (**Gen 8:9**; condition of the world **Psa 15:3-4**, flood and foot **Eze 32:2** , spy **Luk 20:20** , the sum of this world's witness against Christ and his Christ is false **Mar 14:56** , **Act 4:27** , **Mat 5:11**).

We have to **endure** through the wilderness of sin (**Exo 17:1**) and have this spirit burnt out of us (referring to verse 10 of our psalm) which will lead to our rejoicing "in him" the last part of this verse (verse 6).

**H7272** regel *reh'-gel*

From **H7270**; a *foot* (as used in *walking*); by implication a *step*; by euphemism the *pudenda*: - X **be able to endure**, X according as, X after, X coming, X follow, ([broken-]) foot ([ -ed, -stool]), X great toe, X haunt, X journey, leg, + piss, + possession, time.

**H7270** râgal *raw-gal'*

A primitive root; to *walk* along; but only in specific applications, to *reconnoitre*, to *be a tale bearer* (that is, **slander**); also (as denominative from **H7272**) to *lead about*: - **backbite**, search, slander, (e-) **spy** (out), teach to go, view.

Continuing now with the last part verse 6: "they went through the flood on foot **H7272**: there did we rejoice in him." (**Jas 1:2** , **Php 4:4** , **Psa 14:7** , **Mat 5:10-12**).

**Jas 1:2** My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

**Php 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

**Psa 14:7** Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

**Mat 5:10** Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Mat 5:11** Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all

manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Mat 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

*any comments on these three verses?*

**Psa 66:7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.**

We know that the rebellious will exalt themselves even with the elect ruling after a thousand symbolic years on the earth (Rev 20:8), so these words are written to remind us that this is what we do without the power of God causing us to "Selah" -- to pause -- and consider our ways (Hag 1:5 , Psa 8:4).

Hag 1:5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

Psa 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

*any comments on this verses?*