

*Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. (Psalm 28:1)*

A cry is an expression of pain, distress, sorrow or complaint. We may make our cries either at men, to men, before men, or to God.

If we cry at men, then we are usually accusing them for our distress and inconvenience. The devil is called the "Accuser." Therefore, men who are known for their accusing cries betray that they are children of the devil. They do his works.

If we cry to men, such cries will reveal whom we put our trust in. People who trust in men to meet their needs are humanists...atheistic humanists. The person who puts his trust in man has no god but man himself.

If we cry before men, we display self-pity. We feel sorry for ourselves and hope by our cries to attract others to our personal pity-party in order to get more sympathy from them. We really do not want the object spoken of in our cries: we only want to cry for the sake of crying. We get our kicks from our so-called sorrows.

The Christian makes his cries to God. He alone is his Rock and his Hope. It is not a casual hum rote prayer. There is a note of terror in it. The terror is there because he soberly faces the possibility of God not hearing his prayer.

If God is silent toward us when we pray, then we have no audience with Him. If we have no audience with Him, it is because we have no mediator to make us acceptable before Him. If we have no mediator to make us acceptable before Him, then our sins are still on our account condemning us and we will surely go to hell. We shall be like all of those who go down into the pit.

It is a point of unspeakable joy and assurance when a child of God knows his prayer has been heard. If his prayer is heard, then he has been made acceptable before God by the blood of Christ and his sins are gone. Nothing else can secure for us a hearing in God's court. We need nothing else.

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