Let the Redeemed Say So

Luke 19:37-40 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; 38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. 39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Psalms 107:1-2 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy
8-9 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
15-16 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.
21-22 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.
31-32 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Stones
- Familiar story, Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem
  - I’m sure you remember the story well, how the crowd began to praise him.
    - Saying Blessed be the KING that comes in the name of the Lord.
  - However, the Pharisees, always looking for a way to trap Jesus, saw their opportunity.
    - They thought in their mind that is we ask him to stop them from calling him King and he doesn’t we will be able to bring charges to the Roman Governor that this man called Jesus has elevated himself to the position of a King.
    - Indeed that was one of the charges the brought at his trial the banner, King of the Jews was nailed to his cross.
  - So they called out to him, Master rebuke your disciples.
    - Jesus answered with the profound truth that many have marveled at over the years, “If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.”
• The principle was established for all of time, God is worthy to be praised and the name of Jesus will be exalted.
• If we fail somehow in our worship, if we neglect to give Him the praise he deserves, then the rocks will give voice and cry out for us,
• He’s worthy to be praised!

• Have you ever wondered tonight, what if the Stones did cry out?
  o Can you imagine how the stones would praise him?
  o If only the stones had a voice...
  o The people were praising him for all the mighty works they had seen.
  o The stones didn’t have eyes, they hadn’t seen any “mighty works.”
  o But I submit to you tonight that the stones were very aware of who was in their midst.
  o My bible tells me creation groans in anticipation of his coming, I believe the rocks knew who he was.
  o To the people he was Jesus, preacher, teacher, healer, miracle worker, way maker, the Son of God.
  o But to the rocks he was their creator, they recognized the one that by his mighty power spoke them into being, he was the mighty God, the ancient of days.
  o I submit to you tonight that the crowd that followed him around and sung his praises that day had no real idea who he was
  o But the rocks, had they found a voice, would have praised him as the one to whom belongs all glory, honor and power.
  o They would have crowned him King of all Kings.
• Those stones could have taken you back, chapter and verse to Joshua chapter 4 where 24 stones became witness to his mighty power.
• If they could only lift their voices, if those 24 stones could only give their testimony
• They witnessed, first hand, the parting of the Jordan River.
• They watched the Children of Israel walk across on dry ground.
• Then they were chosen to be a part of an ageless memorial that, without a voice, would praise God for ages long for what he had done.
• For generations men would pass by and see those two piles of rocks and ask, what meaneth this?
• And for generations the tale would be told, this is where the Lord parted the Jordan River and we came across on dry ground.
• Maybe some, upon hearing the story for the first time praised the Lord for his magnificent greatness, perhaps some scoffed at those old religious stories.
• But, my friend if those rocks could have borrowed their voice for just a moment.
  o They would have told it like they saw it.
They would have declared, we watched the ark of the covenant approach the waters, we saw the tide as it rolled back and we beheld the glory as it passed over on dry ground.

Oh how they would praise him, the one that has all power and authority.

My bible is overflowing with examples tonight of how the rocks could praise him if only they had a voice.

I genuinely believe that if they had an opportunity they would sing of his glory.

Oh my goodness, if the rocks had a voice tonight their thunderous ovation of praise would echo from the highest mountains and sweep thru the lowest valleys.

However, I’ve come to preach to you tonight that there is a story that the rocks can’t tell.

These silent witnesses have seen so much thru the ages, they can testify in so many ways of the goodness of God.

But I want you to know tonight that the rocks don’t know what it means to be redeemed.

They’ve never felt the desperation of sin or the Joy of liberty.

They’ve never been the recipient of god’s overwhelming mercy.

When I was a boy every now and then a preacher would stand in a pulpit and remind us that if we don’t praise him the rocks will take our place.

I’m here to tell you tonight, the rocks might praise him but there ain’t no rock ever gonna take my place.

Because there ain’t no rock that’s ever been redeemed.

Psalms 107:1-2 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

The rocks can praise him but they don’t know anything about his mercy!

They can’t say I once was lost but now I’m found.

David goes on to say, Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy

Mercy is one of those things that you can’t appreciate until you’ve experienced it.

My friend I’ve experienced it, its real, its real, I know its real!

I can praise him for it, nothing in this world can praise him like I can for his mercy.Only those who were once in the hands of the enemy but have now been set free can really praise him for his mercy.

David didn’t say, let the rocks say so, David said, let the redeemed say so!

And, my friend, ain’t no rock ever been redeemed.

We’ve got a reason tonight to praise him and its more than just his mighty works.
The rocks can praise him for his provision
  - The rocks is the wilderness were witness to the manna that fell from heaven and the water that miraculously flowed form a rock.
  - They could stand and testify tonight that God is a provider
  - They saw God provide when men couldn’t
  - They saw him bring food in a famine and loose water in dry and barren valleys

But the Psalmist said: 107:8-9  *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.*
  - Why men? Because there isn’t a rock anywhere that can tell how God satisfies the longing of a soul.
  - The rocks can’t tell how he fills a hungry heart with his goodness.
  - The rocks don’t know what it is to be empty and broken only to filled to overflowing with the incredible goodness of God.
  - Cause there aint no rock that’s ever been redeemed!
  - So the Psalmist said, let the redeemed say so!
  - Let the redeemed SAY SO!

The Rocks can praise him for his deliverance.
  - Ask a few smooth stones that David picked up out of a brook in a valley before he met Goliath in the battle.
  - Have they ever got a tale to tell,
  - They could tell how God delivered a nation through one young boy.
  - They can tell of deliverance from certain defeat, of being set free from the threat of slavery

But the Psalmist said: 107:15-16  *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.*
  - Oh that men would tell it.
  - Cause the rocks may know a little about deliverance but they can’t tell how he set a sin sick soul free from the bondage of guilt and suffering.
  - Cause there’s no rock that’s ever been bound by sin, directionless and lost without any hope,
  - Only to be set free by Calvary’s precious blood!
  - I come to preach to you tonight that the rocks may cry out but they’ve never been redeemed and David said,
  - Let the redeemed say so!!!

The Rocks can tell the story of sacrifice.
  - Thousands of gallons of blood have been spilled on the stone alters of the Old Testament.
  - Imagine what the stones in Elijah’s alter would say if they could testify for just a few moments tonight about how the one true God answered with fire.
  - Imagine the stones at the foot of the cross as that precious blood of Emmanuel, God with us, ran down that bloody cross.
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• They could tell you how much your salvation cost.
• They know about bloodshed and sacrifice.

• But the Psalmist said: 107:21-22 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.
  o The rocks can praise him but they can’t say, He took my place on an old rugged cross.
  o There’s no rock that can proclaim He paid my price.
  o I’m here to tell you, there’s no rock that’s ever been redeemed and David said, Let the Redeemed say so!

• The Rocks can exalt him as the risen savior.
  o Imagine tonight the story that could be told by the stone that sealed the tomb that three days later would be moved by the mighty hand of God.
  o That rock could testify, he was dead but now he lives.
  o He is Risen, he is Lord.

• The Psalmist said: 107: 31-32 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
  o Oh that men would say it because though the rocks can tell of his resurrection none of them has ever felt that resurrecting power.
  o Let men exalt him because no rock’s ever been filled with his spirit.
  o There’s no rock that’s ever felt the Quickening of the Holy Ghost, when that which was dead within you is resurrected to New Life.
  o There’s no rock that can sing of the Joy of the Holy Ghost.
  o Because ther’s no rock that’s ever been redeemed!

• I want to join my voice with the Psalmist tonight,
  o LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO!
    ▪ You ought to praise him as your provider.
    ▪ You should praise him as your deliverer.
    ▪ You should praise the Lamb that for sinners was slain.
    ▪ You should praise him tonight for the quickening power of the Holy ghost!

• Close
• The Psalmist said in Psalms 65:13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.
• Again in Psalms 69:34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
• And in Psalms 98:8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together
• Isaiah said (44:33) Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.
From the beginning of time until the end of it all, you can mark it down my friend, nature will praise him.

It never changes, It never forgets, It’s never discouraged, its never distracted.
The creation cries out to its creator
From the rising of the sun till the setting of the same it declares his majesty.
A thousand stars on the black velvet of a midnight sky cry out in every language known to man of God’s goodness and his awesome power.
Nature praises him and ever will

But David was divinely inspired when he wrote the words that flowed straight from the heart of God
Oh, that MEN would praise the lord for his goodness, and his wonderful works...
You see we aren’t a steady as nature.
We forget, we get discouraged, we get distracted...
Oh that men would praise the Lord...
For his goodness...
For his mercy...
For his great love...
For his patience and longsuffering...
For his blessings....
For his provision...
Let the redeemed say so!

I come tonight simply to encourage you to praise God, to thank him for all that he has done.
I believe you can win victories in your praise.
I believe you can conquer enemies in your praise.
Let the Redeemed say so!