

Biblical crying refers to deep distress, tears, or sorrow that continue over a long time without proper resolution or intervention. But it's not just tears—prolonged sorrow or even sinful joy expressed before God without being laid down is also called crying out.

Now, sins that produce such crying out are different from ordinary sins because they pile up and deeply grieve God's heart. Their punishment is very severe, as shown in various stories throughout the Scriptures.

We will look at five (5) types of crying out mentioned in the Bible. Perhaps you have been one of the causes of such cries. So repent early, before disaster strikes.

1) The Cry of the Laborers

James 5:1-6 (ESV)

“Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh

like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.”

Verse 4 says: “Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you...”

This is the cry of all workers—meaning employees everywhere.

The truth is, many employers exploit their workers by withholding fair wages or overworking them while paying them poorly, aiming to enrich themselves.

This is very serious because even if workers don’t speak up or aren’t seen, God hears their cry from below. The end for such employers will be terrible—their wealth will be consumed like the rich man Lazarus.

Make sure to pay your employees what they deserve—not just in companies or organizations but even if you employ a helper at home, gardener, or cleaner. Give them their due on time so that the Lord won't ruin what you have. Their cries are powerful before God.

2) The Cry of Innocent Blood

We see in the story of Cain, who thought everything was over after killing his brother. But God revealed the spiritual reality: his brother's blood was crying out from the ground. Cain's punishment was severe—cursed and rejected by the earth.

Genesis 4:10-13 (NIV)

“The Lord said, ‘What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.’ Cain said to the Lord, ‘My punishment is more than I can bear.’”

Never kill or incite innocent bloodshed.

3) The Cry of the Oppressed

The Israelites were enslaved and oppressed in Egypt. They cried out to God, and He heard their cries.

Exodus 3:7-9 (NIV)

“The Lord said, ‘I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them... Now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.’”

The result was Egypt losing everything, suffering for a long time, including many deaths. Never oppress anyone—whether your wife, stepchild, in-law, servant, orphan, widow, or the poor.

Don't allow this, because their cries reach God, and you will be in trouble.

4) The Cry of the Righteous (Saints in Distress)

Revelation 6:9-10 (ESV)

“When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, ‘How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?’”

The suffering of the saints is even more grievous than any other group crying to God. God gathers their cries, part of which is poured out on earth (Revelation 16:4-7), but most of the judgment happens after this life.

Never mistreat God’s people, oppress, shame, or harm them—because God quickly hears their cries.

5) The Cry (Rejoicing) of the Wicked

The pleasures and sinful acts that people engage in, thinking

that's what life is, are actually a great cry reaching God's heart, saying, "Why don't you destroy us?" This was the case with Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 18:20-21 (NIV)

"Then the Lord said, 'The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me.'"

This danger is widespread now—sins like homosexuality and debauchery, luxury, drunkenness, and reckless living rapidly bring God's judgment. And as we know, these are the end times; one of these days God's judgment will fall on the earth.

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