



# FRANKLIN ROAD

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## SURROUND SOUND



A GOOD SOUND SYSTEM CAN MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT IN THE PROGRAM OR ATTENDING THE CONCERT. MANY TELEVISIONS AND HOME AUDIO SYSTEMS HAVE SURROUND SOUND WHICH ADD DEPTH AND RICHNESS TO WHAT YOU HEAR AND EXPERIENCE.

SURROUND SOUND IS A WONDERFUL INNOVATION AND YET, IN ONE WAY, IT'S NOTHING NEW. WHEN PREACHING FROM PSALM 32 LAST NIGHT, PART OF DAVID'S PRAISE AFTER BEING RESTORED IN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS THIS PHRASE FROM VERSE 7. "YOU SURROUND ME WITH SONGS OF DELIVERANCE." THIS MADE WE THINK ABOUT OTHER SURROUND SOUND EVENTS.

JOSHUA 6:2-5 INDICATES THAT WHEN THE ISRAELITES OVERCAME JERICHO THEY DID SO BY SOUNDING SEVEN RAM'S HORNS FOLLOWED BY TRUMPET BLASTS FROM OTHER PRIESTS. I'M SURE THE SOUND PENETRATED THE EARS OF ALL WHO COULD HEAR BUT ALSO PENETRATED THE THICK STONE WALLS SO THAT THE CITY'S FORTIFICATIONS COLLAPSED. THAT'S REALLY GOOD SURROUND SOUND.

THEN TOO CONSIDER NEHEMIAH 12:27-40 WHERE WE READ ABOUT THE DEDICATION OF THE REBUILT WALLS AROUND JERUSALEM. TWO GREAT CHOIRS GATHERED FIRST ON THE WALLS OF THE CITY (VS. 31-39) AND THEN IN THE TEMPLE (V. 40) JUST IMAGINE WHAT THAT SURROUND SOUND WAS LIKE.

AND HOW ABOUT THE SHEPHERDS WATCHING OVER THEIR FLOCKS OUTSIDE OF BETHLEHEM? THEY HEARD TRULY ANGELIC SURROUND SOUND AS THE HERALDS OF CHRIST'S BIRTH SAID, "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG MEN WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED." (LUKE 2:14)

THEN THERE'S THE TRUMPET BLAST THAT WILL SURROUND THE WHOLE EARTH WHEN JESUS COMES IN THE CLOUDS TO RAPTURE HIS CHURCH. "FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL AND WITH THE TRUMPET OF GOD, AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST." (1 THESSALONIANS 4:16)

WE READ IN REVELATION 5:8-10 THAT THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS SURROUND THE THRONE OF GOD AND SING A NEW SONG ABOUT JESUS' REDEMPTION OF MANKIND THROUGH HIS DEATH AND SHED BLOOD. "AND MADE THEM TO BE A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS TO OUR GOD ..." (V. 10).

THIS APPROACHING THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS SEASON, MIGHT WE SURROUND OUR HOMES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP WITH HYMNS OF GRATEFUL PRAISE. "O COME, LET US SING FOR JOY TO THE LORD, LET US SHOUT JOYFULLY TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION. LET US COME BEFORE HIS PRESENCE WITH THANKSGIVING, LET US SHOUT JOYFULLY TO HIM WITH PSALMS." (PSALM 95:1-2).

LOOKING UP,  
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE