

TRUMPET SOUNDS

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HINGES



A hinge is something that connects two solid objects. As a matter of fact, a door without the hinges is just another wall with no opening or accessibility.

Notice this Scripture: **Matt 22:37, 39-40** *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

The two solid facts are the law of the prophets hinged to loving God and our neighbor. Having the law without love for God and man is like a wall with no access. It is just a wall. Religion puts up a wall. Jesus called it whitened on the outside with dead men's bones inside.

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You can take all the 10 Commandments, but without love those commandments are a wall built to keep out the trespassers. What about...**Forgive us our trespasses AS we forgive others their trespasses?** Our forgiveness hinges on our forgiving. The same with **Give and it shall be given.** Our bounty hinges upon our giving. Our reaping hinges on our sowing and on and on.

This is like the story of Pete and Re-Pete

"A son and his father were walking on the mountains. Suddenly, his son falls, hurts himself and screams:

'AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!'

To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating, somewhere in the mountain:

'AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!'

Curious, he yells: 'Who are you?'

He receives the answer: 'Who are you?'

Angered at the response, he screams:

'Coward!'

He receives the answer: 'Coward!'

He looks to his father and asks: 'What's going on?'

The father smiles and says: 'My son, pay attention.'

And then he screams to the mountain: 'I admire you!'

The voice answers: 'I admire you!'

Again the man screams: 'You are a champion!'

The voice answers: 'You are a champion!'
The boy is surprised, but does not understand.

Then the father explains: 'People call this ECHO, but really this is LIFE. It gives you back everything you say or do. Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If you want more love in the world, create more

love in your heart. If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence. This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life...as we sow we reap.

Jesus not only knocked upon the door of our hearts but hung the door on some very strong hinges, for example:

Matt 5:21-22 *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*

Matt 5:27-28 *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*

Matt 5:38-39 *Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*

Matt 5:43-44 *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy*

neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you...

Those are some heavy duty hinges, yet if you look closely at each of these things, it pits the Old Testament sayings against the love of God and man. Love is not always the easier response to any given situation. Love of God and man is the greatest law by which all the law and prophets are hinged.

Jesus answers one question to why some of those commands were given in the first place by saying: **Matt 19:8** *Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives...but from the beginning it was not so.*

You can apply that same answer to any of those earlier commands: **Because of the hardness of your hearts...but from the beginning it was not so.**

If we are not hinged with the love for God and man, then we are just a wall with no access...nothing coming in and nothing going out.

Matt 22:39-40 is the hinge holding the door of our faith and witness as well as the very proof that we are His disciples. With age and corrosion the hinges can freeze up, but the oil of the Spirit can make them pliable once again.

QUICKSAND

Quicksand is loose wet sand that yields easily to pressure and sucks in anything resting on or falling into it. Since Scripture refers to building our house on the sand as foolish, then to tread on quicksand would be likewise.

The depth of the ground underneath depends on whether one is just being inconveniently stuck or sinking to your death. Ironically, we have generally dug the earth out from under us by disregarding the counsel of God's Word or having been ignorant to it. Not

consulting God over the decisions of life is like walking in a field of quicksand...risky business. We know by the 23 Psalm that God leads us to green pastures beside still waters restoring the soul. Yet though WE walk through the valley of quicksand He is still there holding out His rod and staff for us to pull out.

Why do we not take the counsel of God before every move? Is it because Like Eve we hear the serpent give us an altered view of the situation? Is it because we

think God too busy, and we are saving our get out of quicksand card for something really big? Or do most consider God senile through the ions of ages from the generations and do not trust an outdated book otherwise a nice enough crutch for the elderly? Or is it actually because we know the right answer but decide to take the gamble and risk it all?

Maybe you are stuck in a situation right now and the sand is rising beneath the weight of it. Here is something we need to remember:

Ps 103:13-14 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

It does not matter how you got in the situation you are in, it is how you get back on track through God's Word and the intervention of the Holy Spirit. It is also a bonus to grow and learn from the experience so nothing is wasted but has the potential to produce maturity.

WATER CYCLE

In Ephesians 5:6 and Titus 3:5 the Word of God is a washing water. Man can neither live without water nor the washing of the water by the Word of God.

Today in prayer the Holy Spirit showed me how intercession works from heaven to earth and back just like the water cycle. So, bear with me while I go over the water cycle:



Evaporation: through heat the water from lake, streams, rivers and oceans rise

Condensation: As water vapor in the clouds cools down it becomes water again.

Precipitation: Water rains from the sky in the different forms.

Collection: Oceans and lakes collect water that has fallen.

*Key in prayer is the Word, for the Word is the water which is to cycle. Prayers are not wishes for a wizard to manifest. Prayers are based upon the Will of God expressed in His Word and promises.

EVAPRAYERATION: is the rising of our prayers to God by the intervention of the Holy Spirit who knows best how to translate our heart in the Word of God:

Rom 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

CONSIDERATION: God's Word goes before the throne with sweet perfume: **Rev 8:3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to of-**

fer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.

RECIPROICATION: Jere 1:12, God watches over His Word to perform it.

COLLECTION: We receive the answer of the Water of the Word coming back to us as we trust God before we even see it manifest because we know this: **Jer 29:11-13 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.**

DROUGHT: However, in the case of no intercession and seeking God...no reliance or trust upon God's Word, we get out of cycle. When drought occurs nothing is growing in our lives. We see this very clearly in **Judg 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.**

Amos 8:11-13 The days are coming, declares the Sovereign LORD, when there will be a famine through the land — not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it. 13 In that day the lovely young women and strong young men will faint because of thirst. RRV

We are a people who live according to God's Word, yet if we are not bathing in its waters we can quickly dry out. Many Christians have been living in drought without realizing how little by little their spirit has dried up.

I do not know if there is such a thing as a renewing of our baptism, but I think many Christians are crying out for a re-do and do not know it. Being once again immersed in the Water of the Word is certainly what is needed across the land today.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

THE ALIENS HAVE LANDED, yet not as we have imagined by space ship but through technology. The I-Robot is no longer the fantasy portrayed in the Will Smith movie. We now have robotic voice assistants that by command turn off lights, order pizzas and fetch movie times. Children are easily using the gadgets to settle “dinner table” (if the dinner table exists) disputes, answer homework questions and entertain friends at parties.

Many parents have been retired in their guidance by these disembodied, know-it-all voices from Amazon’s Alexa, Google Home, Microsoft’s Cortana and the future of technological guidance tools. Parents are being replaced as robotic authority takes over impacting their children’s behavior, and feeding them programmed information without moral consequences. For example, a child can challenge what a parent says, argue and prove they are equal to a parent with Alexa on their side.

Here is one of the characteristics advertised about Alexa: “*The female voice lives in the cloud*” (from which all access of programmed information is available 24/7), “*and is thus always up to date. This virtual personal aide learns your voice and preferences as you use her.*” Here is an advertisement for a robotic baby monitor: “*Toy giant Mattel recently announced the birth of Aristotle, a home baby monitor launching this summer that “comforts, teaches and entertains” using AI from Microsoft. As children get older, Aristotle can ask or answer questions. The company says, “Aristotle was specifically designed to grow up with a child.”*”

This technology learns and grows from the personalities in the house. It is not enough to reprogram our children in progressive liberal public schools and television program indoctrination. Now we must make sure they are being fed information by the new robotic parent in the home. In a secular society, where progressivism is the subliminal undertone to the conscience as a second

voice of reason, our children are taken captive.

“*How they react and treat this nonhuman entity is, to me, the biggest question,*” said Sandra Calvert, a Georgetown University psychologist and director of the Children’s Digital Media Center. “*And how does that subsequently affect family dynamics and social interactions with other people?*” Another article poses questions: “*Boosters of the technology say kids typically learn to acquire information using the prevailing technology of the moment — from the library card catalogue, to Google, to brief conversations with friendly, all-knowing voices. But what if these gadgets lead children, whose faces are already glued to screens, further away from situations where they learn important interpersonal skills? It’s unclear whether any of the companies involved are even paying attention to this issue. Amazon did not return a request for comment. A spokeswoman for the Partnership for AI, a new organization that includes Google, Amazon, Microsoft and other companies working on voice assistants, said nobody*”

was available to answer questions.”



Funny that they have devices that can answer all questions, yet there is no person available to answer the questions posed! Where are Alexa and Aristotle’s parent?

One answer given was that this technology does not give emotional intelligence but factual intelligence. Uh-huh, then let us look at what determines factual. There is a programmer with a mind behind these “facts”. Would you say, for example, history, that has been revised and re-written, is now considered fact? Would “evolution over millions of years” be considered factual? Do you think in these so called “facts” Christian based answers are the default? What might be the answer to the question of when life begins, and upon what fact do they base the answer?

There is a Creator of all things and holds all facts, but it is contained in a Book...Do we still read?

STONES

When I pray, I get pictures, words or phrases. The understanding comes as the picture is complete. While recently praying for the churches, pastors and God’s children, I saw a stone. It was a black stone the color of coal. Then I saw that it was settled in the hearts of God’s children. Next I saw the crowd of men ready to stone the adulterous woman in John 8:4-11.

I was being shown that instead of casting stones the church needed to drop their stones. A stony heart is worse than kidney stones and more deadly in the long run.

Prov 27:3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool’s

wrath is heavier than them both.

A stony heart leads us right to the Valley of the Shadow of Death...a very real place. It may be just a shadow, but it blocks the light.

When we allow negative feelings to crowd out positive feelings, we can find ourselves swallowed up by our own bitterness or sense of injustice.

Jesus talked about the wide road leading to destruction and the narrow road leading to life.

Every Christian assumes to be on the narrow path simply by the confession that we are Christian, however, we must drop all stones to enter the strait gate.

Each stone is the weight of a person we cannot carry and enter ourselves. The thoughts we hold against a person, a people, a persuasion or culture are like a millstone around our neck. ***Luke 17:2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.*** A stone is an offense whether it is hidden in the heart or spoken and acted upon hurting the one carrying it more than the one for which it represents.

Two places I recall where a stone was taken away brought resurrection for Mary and Martha’s brother and our Savior...Jesus.

Taking the stone or stones from our hearts enable us to walk out of the tomb’s death and into the abundance of life in Christ.

So, what does the stone in your heart represent? Is it for God because you feel He cast you a bad lot in life? Is it someone you loved that hurt you? Were you thrown under the bus by a co-worker? Has someone deceived you? Do you have a stone against your church...someone in your church? The color of someone’s skin or their sexual orientation? A stone by any other name is still a stone that will keep you from many of the blessings you and I so desire. If you have to cast a stone, cast it into the sea and leave it there.

BEING TRIUNE

Two main schools of thought are:

1. We are a spirit with a soul living in a body created by God
2. We evolved from monkeys

There are characteristics to both of these ideas. The first is based upon a faith of our body serving our soul, the soul serving the spirit and our spirit serving God.



The second is the evolution of I'm a "Monkey's Uncle".



Otherwise known as Moe, Larry and Curly or Shemp! A triune of a different source. The irony in the "hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil" is that in evolutionary theory there is no evil or good because there are no absolutes of either. One decides for himself what is good and what is bad in his own eyes. The exact idea given Eve in the garden: *Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

Knowing is the Hebrew word

yâda' meaning many things including to learn and make a decision based upon experiences. This is telling Eve that she can be good to decide what is good or evil in her own eyes.

The world has inherited the Eve mentality of deciding what is good and what is evil. That is the generational curse from which all others come, in my humble opinion. This is the curse which has not been understood by the Christian community at large. Most Christians think that since God gave them a brain to make decisions, it is up to their reasoning ability. What we have not understood is that the brain of a Christian is not located in the head but in the WORD of God. We can reason something bad into being not so bad etc., etc. This is when we use evolution to take the bad and allow it to evolve into something good and something good to

evolve into something bad.

Only one has a core conviction of morality and the other lives by preference. Even with some moral compass, the preference is changeable making the needle on that compass off its true north when deemed a better plan.

To see as a non-spirit being means, just as the picture indicates, you cannot see, hear or speak anything other than by the flesh.

Helen Keller could not see or hear, yet realized her spirit within, which did see, hear and speak. Because she allowed her spirit to direct her, she was quite brilliant and more so than most who have all their physical attributes intact.

I like to think that Christians are a shadow *under* the WORD of God moving in sync of it rather than independently on our own.

REVEALING GENERATION

A generation is a people living in the same time period collectively. Even though generation after generation pass, their ideas and attitudes get through the passage and find themselves alive and well in the next.

Look at Saul of Tarsus. He was a Jew of Jews and a Pharisee of Pharisees. He carried his father's faith from his father's faith however far back it went. Yet something came along to interrupt the generational flow. The interruption had a name...JESUS. How does a generation deal with an interruption of ideals passed down the pike? There are those who welcome it and embrace it, while others fight against

it...sometimes to the death. Saul was imposing his beliefs onto the next generation. I am sure with Saul there was a fear of sullyng a pure faith given by God. He must have seen these Christians as a renegade, radical cult growing ever larger in numbers.

Yet God had a plan for a Saul stuck in his past and met him on the road.

Saul asked who He was and God answered, "It's me God, but you can call me Jesus!" Well, that is my paraphrasing, but it meant the same thing.

That had to be a jolt to his faith and all it had persuaded him to do. God even did a re-write on

Saul by changing his name to Paul. God gave Paul a teacher to help retrain his thinking.

God showed me this same thing using the army of Gideon as if generations: Judges 7: 1-8 Each generation that was not to be part of the next were sent home, yet not because they were evil or something was wrong with them, but because they were not in this particular plan. That being said, the fearful will always be eliminated by their fear, but the rest just did things differently. Picturing them as generations, I see them living out their generation, but some grasped going further into the next phase with the Lord.

Some like Saul have a difficult time with change. Others keep their father's faith throughout their generation and pass on. Yet there will always be the Joshua and Calebs that God can get to enter further with Him.

God is getting ready to reveal some things that may not be familiar, yet still the Truth in His Word. These things have been in plain sight from the beginning yet not clearly understood or awakened in the mind of man. As Jesus reveals Himself it would be best if we consider what we are actually holding onto that we need to let go in order to grow.



FAKE NEWS

We have been hearing quite a bit about fake news. Even though many have been frustrated with the news media giving us news and telling us how to interpret it, it is worse to have it be completely false in the first place. Did this start with Trump? No, it goes back as far as the Bible can tell us. The book of Judges is a great example of fake news. Taking a look at Judges in chapter 19 we see a crime, the report, the judgement and the media coverage throughout coming to the conclusion that drifts away from the original crime to the death of thousands by no other than the hand of God or so the media concludes.

Judges were utilized before there were kings, thus the title. The judge was supposed to be invested with God's power and authority, however, the judges did not function properly. We see God faithfully delivering his people through weak judges. These judges consulted items of divination like the "lot" being cast for the voice of God. This was far from a relationship with God. One believed that God moved the lot much like a ouija board for His spirit to answer to a question. The hang-up to that would be these Scriptures: *Ps 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:*

Even later in the New Testament we see a Truth that was not new but God's Truth all along: *James 4:2-3 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

Going to the time of the crime in Judges chapter 19, we see a band of Sodomite men wanting to commit sodomy upon a stranger that had just come to town. The host does not offer his guest, a Levite, but the man's mistress. She was brutally abused and raped from evening until morning as the guest and host made merry then slept. When the guest was ready to set back on the road home he found himself inconvenienced that his mistress was dead and had to be put upon the donkey for the ride home. When home, the Levite cut her flesh and bone into 12 pieces and sent them along with an incident report to the 12 tribes of Israel complaining about their hospitality for his overnight stay. The tribes were stirred in shock and awe and gathered to decide what to do.

The spin on the report was this: *Judg 20:5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, and thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead.* Sounds a bit different than: *"We were drunk when some guys came by and wanted in on the action but instead I sent my mistress out then finished our meal and drinking and retired to bed to sleep it off. Found her on the porch and when I told her to get up and on her donkey but she was dead."*

In Judges 20 the tribes will not rest until they settle the score. They commanded the tribe of Benjamin to turn over the men of Belial, but Benjamin decided not to comply and became a "sanctuary city" protecting the murdering rapists. Incensed by the answer the tribes decided to fight against all the tribe of Benjamin. They go up one by one according to the cast of the "lot", which they report as God's own voice without consulting Him if they should even fight at all. Here is what the media, lot interpreter, reported as God having said: *Judg 20:18 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up first.* Mind you, this was the interpreta-

tion. Casting a lot merely had the symbol of the tribe on it. The voice was the interpreter's. Israel lost the battle and 22,000 men...the fault of God no less.

The next lot to be cast was if they should go up again and the interpreter quoted: *Judg 20:23 And the LORD said, Go up against him.* This time Israel lost 18,000 men!

The third time is charm, but this time with fasting they cast the lot and the interpreter quoted: *Judg 20:28 And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.* They also cunningly devised a trap not as in prior days and this time defeated Benjamin. Here is the news report: *Judg 20:35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword.* It is odd that God lost two battles before He finally succeeded!! Now comes the fake news: *Judg 21:15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.*

Fake news is, as always, costly.

CROSSING THE GREAT DIVIDE

In my spirit, while in prayer, I saw the Bible opened between the division of the Old Testament and the New Testament. I saw the some of the Words of the Old Testament liquefy, draw up from the pages and form into a man who then walked fully formed over, what looked like THE GREAT DIVIDE, to the New Testament standing fully visual and audible. Then the phrase "*And the Word became flesh...*" came to mind.

I also got the understanding that not all words crossed over THE GREAT DIVIDE. Not everything that was said of God or credited of God was of God. Jesus became the picture of God in the flesh on earth.

The interesting thing is that Jesus is still coming off the pages in the form of you and me...the visible and audible picture of God. Oh my! Yes, I know that is pretty heavy. That was my same reaction

when Holy Spirit said it to me because I thought of all the dos and don'ts in my life and how imperfect I felt. This is no different than Paul: *Rom 7:15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.*

There are two Scriptures that will identify us with God though we fail at others: *1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.* AND *John 13:34-35*

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

If we have all gifts, yet not love we are nothing but a tinkling cymbal *1Co 13:1-2*, then with love a multitude of imperfections will not cross over the great divide *1Pet 4:8*. 