

TRUMPET SOUNDS

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The "EYES" Don't Have It!

We know that there are many eyes watching every move we make as well as eyes of our nation watching other nations.

The navy, for example, claims to be the eyes and ears of America. Yet they were deaf and dumb to the attacks of 9/11. This is not to their discredit, since all the typical eyes and ears of our nation's intelligence were blind and deaf until the second hit.

Since the time we discovered our vulnerability, we have become aware that we are not aware! All the EYES can say we have learned how to see, yet still have no clear vision at all. Just like Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus who did not realize he was blind until he had a truer vision.

The jig is up, we have the same weaknesses and fears as other nations. Secular nations have every right to fear and feel perplexity because there is no such secular

god to cover them supernaturally.

The gods of mammon cannot see or hear. It is but false belief to trust that we will always land on our feet, so to speak, simply because our past bore it out. Yet in our past we were regarded a Christian nation predominately. Even if a candidate was not all that Christian, he or she would never have admitted that because they could not win an election claiming otherwise. This is why we have observed the lack of Christian ethics in much of our government, since many have made false claims in their speeches.

This should tell us something about the true majority this nation has had up to this point. Christians have given candidates the benefit of the doubt and voted without paying attention to the platform on which they stand. However, it has become more than that because Christians themselves do not

really know who they are, for pretending to be something they are not. Is it any wonder that Christians have no eye for an ethical candidate since pretending is no foundation of adequate discernment.

Posing as a Christian does not make us one. We can put on the bumper sticker and wear the T-shirt yet not activate faith from Biblical instruction.

Christians have become the fatted calf who now find themselves as the sacrifice in this nation.

We have fed at the troughs of convenience starving ourselves of the nutrients from the Words of Life, yet not feeling hungry enough to know the difference.

The nation needs its vision restored, for it is only the Eyes of God by which we can truly see!

1 Peter 3:12-13 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers:

but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

To become rich again, we must first know how poor we have become.

To be found is to first admit we have been lost.

To be hungry again we must realize that we have starved ourselves.

To know who we are is to stop pretending what we are not...repent and make it right again.

How can a nation become rich, hungry or know their identity if their eyes are blinded to the Truth not walking in the direction of the only EYES that have it...Father, Son and Holy Spirit! ***Deut 11:12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.***

These are the eyes that have it!

Grateful/Complaining People

I was just looking over some notes I took but cannot remember the source. It probably came from a sermon of my pastor's. (Just to tell you the credit is not mine but my agreement is totally on it.)

Grateful people can:

- Find a blessing
- Enlarge a blessing
- Create a blessing in almost every opportunity.

Complaining people, on the

other hand, can:

- Find crap
- Enlarge crap
- Create crap in almost every opportunity.

Did you realize that both these types of people repel one another? The grateful people do not like the rehearsal of complaining just as the complaining people do not like to hear the "goody two shoes" of Pollyanna! Yet the irony is that both kinds of

people sit in the same church together!

This is such disunity in the body, whether or not it becomes explosive.

Of the two groups, one needs to change for the good of the whole. Which? Well, it is obvious since the Word speaks of the blessings of a grateful heart. Christians do not need to convert to crap in any denomination, culture or language. To make a long story short...Let's cut the crap!

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The Mousetrap

This is a recent Chapel story I presented to the children and thought it good enough to pass along to you.

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it.

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house – like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's

wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness. So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it does not concern you, remember, when one of us hurts we all hurt. We are one and the same body. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another. Each of us is a vital thread in God's tapestry.

1 Cor 12:25-26 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Judged By The Company You Keep

Most if not all of us have heard our parents saying: You are judged by the company you keep...or words to that effect.

Have you noticed through the years by Obama appointments that many "appointees" do not even like America, but regard her as the rogue blemish of the world?

When have you ever known a president to sleep with the enemy with such careless abandon?

So what is wrong with this picture of an American president who has friends in low places who clearly hate America and Americans. The latest news from this topsy-turvy administration, was in the news. Here are some excerpts from **The Washington Free Beacon**:

The Obama administration on Wednesday paid \$490 million in cash assets to Iran and will have released a total of \$11.9 billion to the Islamic Republic by the time nuclear talks are scheduled to end in June, according to

figures provided by the State Department.

Iran will receive a total of \$4.9 billion in unfrozen cash assets via 10 separate payments by the United States through June 22, when talks with Iran are scheduled to end with a final agreement aimed at curbing the country's nuclear work, according to a State Department official.

The release of this money has drawn outrage from some Republican lawmakers who filed legislation last year to prevent the release of cash due to a lack of restrictions on how Iran can spend the money.

These cash payments by the United States have been made with no strings attached, prompting concerns that Iran could use the funds to finance its worldwide terror operations, which include the financial backing of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other rogue entities.

"Between November 2014 and July 2015, the interim deal's direct forms of sanctions relief will allow Iran access to roughly \$4.9 billion in frozen money," Mark Kirk (R., Ill.), told the

Washington Free Beacon "That's equal to what it'd cost Iran to fund Hezbollah for as much as 50 years."

The Pentagon estimates Iran has spent \$100 to \$200 million per year funding Hezbollah.

USA Today reports:

WASHINGTON — "House Speaker John Boehner on Wednesday invited Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to address Congress without consulting the White House, an apparent challenge to President Obama's policy on negotiations with Iran.

Netanyahu accepted the offer and will address a joint session on Feb. 11, according to a congressional aide who spoke on background because the Israeli Embassy has not yet made a public announcement.

Boehner, R-Ohio, asked Netanyahu to address the threats posed by Iran's nuclear ambitions and the rise of the Islamic State. The invite came a day after the president's State of the Union Address in which Obama warned Congress against enacting new economic

sanctions against Iran."

Topsy-Turvy is right! This administration is dividing itself from our loyal allies to sleep with the enemy in broad daylight. Obama not only breaks fidelity and integrity with Israel but touts his affair with the enemy in bold defiance. This defiance is not only against Israel but his own country.

In his State of the Union speech he chose his words carefully so that we could not smell the effects of this adultery, while the facts speak loud and clear. Obama is funding everything we are against as a nation and closing the door to Israel, which by all accounts in Scripture invites the curses of that infidelity.

We have been set up to fail through the silk tongue of one groomed to do so cunningly a job in which the blind and deaf of this nation applaud.

LORD GOD, open the blind eyes and he that hath an ear let him hear!



Love: Secret Weapon

There is no greater weapon against Satan's arsenal than Christian love.

Pay close attention to Jesus' words to the woman in this Scripture: **John 8:10-11**

... Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Notice that Love forgave her before she repented. Love did not ask anything of her before He protected her from an angry mob. Love only obligates the heart to want to change. He did not instruct her first by making her confess her sin followed by a

sinner's prayer. Love just showed up and gave grace for her sins. Jesus followed the gift of grace by telling her to stay free. Notice that Love does not need the sermon of condemnation. Love makes one want to rise to the grace given. It is Love that never fails and Love that frees man from chains of bondage.

Love loves no matter who we are or what we've done. It reaches into who we are created to be with the faith of an extraordinary Father to believe that He will always see us in destiny's light.

God does not look at us thinking "It is what it is." He looks at us knowing "I AM that I AM" through the eyes of a Creator looking at His own creation.

The Issue Is Integrity

I have used Job in reference to his many failings that compromised his hedge of safety for Satan to move against him, such as fear and confusion with those negative and deadly confessions. I am giving Job an honorable mention today that through all he lost the one thing he never let go was his integrity.

Satan did not want Job's land, cattle, children or wealth. The only thing Satan was after was Job's integrity and God perceived this: **Job 2:3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.**

Though Job had no idea why this was happening to him he held fast his integrity even when his wife in her frustration told him to forfeit it and die, he would not:

Job 2:9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

Likewise his friends: **Job 27:5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.**

You see the issue Satan had was in Job's integrity all through the book: **Job 31:6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.**

The Biblical definition of integrity is adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty in the Lord. It holds the relationship to God through fidelity in loyalty, allegiance and obedience.

Satan is not after our finances or our death as most think, but our integrity is the issue. Just as with Job, Satan uses the threat of loss or death to get it. The enemy can issue one attack after another to test our integrity and integrity compromised can make the

This is how the Kingdom works. It is not a bunch of laws to be broken, but a love so great we are compelled by it to move and have our being in it.

Love's greatest gift is that it cannot be earned or deserved. Love is given in spite of us. We can abuse it and neglect it or refuse it but it will always be pointed in our direction from a merciful God.

God gives us the ability to serve or not serve Him. He gives us the choice to choose our eternity, but through much persuasion to make the right choice.

Do you realize that all our members were already written in the Book of Life by God's own choice, but we may remove our

name through choosing to do so? **Ps 139:15-16 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.**

God gave us the benefit of being written in His Book from the beginning, but gave us the authority to be removed if we so choose. Love is His ultimate choice.

Remember to extend forgiveness before it has to be asked or whether it is asked of you. Choose love's reaction.

threat a reality.

The enemy fears our destiny being fulfilled, so pulling out the arsenal of artillery against an individual, a marriage or a family produces these thoughts within ourselves:

"Why is this happening?"

"What am I doing wrong?"

"Where is God?"

Job thought all of these things, but still remained loyal to God though he did not understand the answers to those questions. He also had no understanding that Satan was sifting him: **Job 13:15 Though he (God) slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.**

It is only because of Jesus that we see the enemy is not God. Jesus went about casting out Satan from God's identity. Jesus is the revelation of God's nature. Neither Job nor the Old Testament patriarchs had this revelation of God.

I have prayed and counseled with people being sifted, and when I say sifted I mean experiencing the loss from every possible direction. Toward the end of the sifting the enemy sticks a carrot under the nose of the sifted one to entice a slip of integrity. This is the most crucial time for a Christian.

The enemy likes to bring doubts so that in doubting we feel shame, but those doubts have come from Satan's ploy and not part of us.

We know the difference between our Lord and the devils that destroy. We also know that the only way to be restored is our fidelity and integrity in His Word through Jesus Christ. At the end we can say: **Job 42:5, 12 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee... So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning...**

Hold fast to your integrity in the Lord.

Rebar America

Several years ago Denny and I had a concrete pad poured for our pool. First the ground was leveled and then the rebar was added, which is re-enforcing with metal rods and then a layer of mesh went in to further strengthen.



The rebar and added mesh is what keeps the concrete from splitting apart. It is the actual strength of the foundation.

We have historical evidence that when a nation comes against Israel to separate or divide her land that we reap catastrophic events. (See details below) I have heard so many prophetic accounts, whether dreams or visions, people have had

that show America split and the ocean coming in severing the United States. Generally they show it to look like this map.



Living in Southern IL, makes me just a bit on edge seeing this as you might imagine. I have been praying about this for several years.

Just recently I saw America likened to that concrete pad, and I saw the rebar and mesh holding it together. God's Spirit immediately showed me that the reinforcing rebar and mesh was due to the intercessors praying for our nation and for the protection of Israel. God's Spirit revealed another nugget of information. 2 Chr 7:14 does not say that if our government would hum-

ble themselves and pray or that if Mr. Obama would humble himself and pray that our nation would be healed. God put the responsibility of our nation in the hands of HIS people. "If **my** people which are **called by my name**..." What has held this nation together is the rebar of the intercession of God's people! But that is not all. Our own country's Constitution claims the country is in the hands of **THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE.**

There are still repercussions we face when our government acts foolishly, but an even greater responsibility lies in the prayers of the saints and in the gathering of intercessors praying in one accord all across this nation for America and Israel. We are sister nations and must remain so.

The network of prayer meetings across this nation is the rebar as we are praying against this division.

The enemy has kept us so focused on self needs that we often forget the bigger picture. I am not telling you to stop praying for Erma's ague or Uncle Morty's lumbago, but I am saying do not forget the bigger picture.

We need to keep ourselves from the distractions of life, which put us into tunnel vision.

Distractions are the divided attentions from what God is needing us to see. Distractions are caused by: the lack of ability to pay attention; lack of interest in anything outside of our own personal view; or the great intensity, novelty or attractiveness of something other than the mission of God for this nation and the nation of Israel.

If you are one who has been distracted from seeing the bigger picture I adjure you to get onboard this ark for the safety of our nation.

We need all the intercessory prayers for this nation and Israel we can get.

1. *October 30, 1991: The Madrid Conference opens with President Bush pushing Israel to consider a "and for peace" idea. Israel gives away its God-given Land to the Arabs for Peace. As this conference begins, the perfect storm develops in the North Atlantic. This storm travels from east to west, creating the largest waves ever recorded in that region and crashes into the New England coast, causing much destruction*
2. *August 23, 1992: The Israeli-Arab peace talks move to Washington DC where Israel is again pressured to give up its Land to the Arabs. In Florida at the same time Hurricane Andrew forms-bits South Florida in what becomes the worst natural disaster to ever hit America. Causing \$30 billion in damage and leaving 180,000 people homeless*
3. *January 16, 1994: President Clinton meets with Syria's president Assad to discuss giving away the Israeli Golan Heights area to the Arabs, within 24 hours a powerful 6.9 earthquake hits Southern California. This quake becomes the 2nd most destructive disaster to hit America besides Hurricane Andrew*
4. *September 28, 1998: America once again in meetings with Israel comes up with a plan for Israel to give up some of its West Bank Land (Judah and Samaria) to the Arabs. President Clinton meets with Yasser Arafat to complete this land deal and to discuss declaring a Palestinian State on Israeli land. At the same time, Hurricane George slams into the US Gulf Coast with 110 mile winds. Causing 1 billion dollars damages.*
5. *October 15-22, 1998: As the Israeli PM and Arafat are meeting at the Maryland Wyes River Plantation to promote the same Land for Peace ideas, the State of Texas was hit with severe rain storms, flooding 25% of the State*
6. *May 3, 1999: Yasser Arafat with President Clinton scheduled on this day in Washington DC to declare a Palestinian Muslim State on Israeli Land with Jerusalem as their Arab Capital. A Powerful Super Tornado system with winds at 316 mph sweeps across the American Mid-West bits hours before the Declaration was to be announced. This natural disaster postponed the announcement till later on in the year*
7. *October 11, 1999: Jewish residents in 15 West Bank Israeli towns are evicted from their homes under an American/Israeli agreement. The next day a 7.1 earthquake hits the American Southwest in the fifth most powerful earthquake in the 20th Century*
8. *September 11, 2001: at 11am that morning, the American UN Ambassador was to present a final proposed agreement to the United Nations assembly for the establishment of a Palestinian Arab State on Israeli Jewish Land. At 9 am on 9/11/01 terrorists attacked the Twin Towers in NYC, closing down the City and the UN. The proposed agreement was never voted on*
9. *August 2005: An American/Israeli plan called Disengagement was put into effect - ripping 9,000 Israeli citizens away from their Jewish homes in the Gaza Strip. These Israelis were made both homeless and jobless because of this action. As these Israeli residents were being forced from their homes, Hurricane Katrina formed in the Atlantic ocean and hit the Gulf Coast- New Orleans. Killing 2,000 residents, and leaving many homeless and jobless*
10. *February 2, 2007: as the UN, EU, Russia and USA are meeting in Washington DC with State Dept Director Rice to work on a new Middle East plan to grant the Palestinians a State on Israeli Land, a Super Tornado hits Central Florida in the middle of the night, causing much death and destruction. About 1,500 homes are destroyed, the families now homeless.*
11. *April 20, 2010: while President Obama was putting intense pressure on Israel to stop construction on Israeli land in Jerusalem, and sending a US Middle-East envoy to Israel to force Israel to agree to a Muslim Palestinian State on Jewish Land - the largest oil well explosion/disaster in USA history occurred in the Gulf of Mexico.*
12. *July 6-7, 2010: President Obama hosted the Israeli Prime Minister at the White House in Wash DC, with news media reporting Obama pressuring Israel to give an apology to Turkey for the IDF raid on the terrorist ship that tried to run the Gaza blockade, at the same time, a severe heat wave hit the USA Northeast - from Wash DC to New York City, with temps over 100 degrees and we are just talking about an apology!*

Yes, disasters have hit, but we have not had the land of America totally disfigured with states becoming inland ocean and so far it is due to the rebar of intercession. Please take part in this effort, for the land you save may be your own.

Along For The Ride

Christians are not a people without instruction or direction. We come with a whole book of exhortation to following the path to life, health and abundance. We have not been given all these instructions as a mere suggestion or an option.

So many Christians look at today's events with, "Whew, thank God I'm not gonna be around here when the fat hits the fan!" In that case, God has a lot to apologize for all the faithful who were tortured and martyred though the years to come to this generation and give an early rapture to a people who are just along for the ride awaiting their hour of escape.

People expecting to be

"raptured" out of the world have no clue what the word means. This is not just a verb but also a noun. We know that a person is a noun and the action is the verb, so let us look at the person of rapture: *intense pleasure, ecstasy, bliss, joy, euphoria, elation in the Lord.*

Now, how many people in the church fit that bill? Most Christians are just holding on. This is not that hour for the church to shake its head in despair for the world's calamitous situations but excited to be in a generation that is closer to the coming of Christ than any before it! We should be consumed with the desire to be used in whatever means God places on our hearts to serve Him in this day.

Just as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane, He asks us to walk farther with Him and watch with Him for this hour. We remember that his faithful three, Peter, James and John fell asleep during this crucial time: **Luke 22:46 And said (Jesus) unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.**

The temptation being trials of adversity that would blanket them in fear and trepidation rather than awareness. This is not to say that we will not taste of the trials living in this world but that they will not overtake us. We will overtake them. We are a rapturous people in the Lord! God is on the lookout for these in this hour just as Jesus took aside His closest to

share in His moment. Do you remember what happened to the three who slept through the moment? Temptation made its reaction and those who said they would never leave or forsake Him did just that.

Here are Jesus' own words to each of us in this crucial hour: **Luke 12:37-38 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. 38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.**

Narrowing For The Road

Matt 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Most people quote this as saying narrow is the road to heaven, but you will notice heaven is not mentioned. This is talking about **life**. There is both the natural life on earth and eternal life in heaven. Life is life in whatever form we experience it. However, if you are reading this now, you are in the only experience you know...natural life as it exists on earth.

Strait is not the same as straight. Strait is the word meaning narrow or crowded of obstacles, and narrow is the word *thlibō* meaning tribulation.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

We are going to encounter plenty of bumps to maneuver through on this road. Of course, most choose the wide road especially if your load is wide. You will not be able to take every burden and piece of baggage on the narrow road. Not only does it start out narrow but once you enter it narrows more.



Now picture the load you are carrying on this road.



You find in life that as the road narrows you must narrow with it. You cannot turn around and go

back, and you cannot go further until you narrow the load for the road. This is why many choose the wide road because they cannot let go of anything.

If you are trying to carry the world on your back, you are not only too great for the road but for the planet as well. If people, including family and friends, are being carried you would need a bus and that is also too cumbersome for the road.

Then there is the tonnage weighing too much for crossing like pride, greed, selfishness, gossip, old habits, addictions, unforgiveness, bitterness etc. etc.

If you have felt like you have been stagnating in your walk then maybe you need to consider that in truth you cannot go farther without dropping some of the baggage you can do without. Get to the bare minimum. Clean out the attic of your mind from all back issues of worthless thoughts or information. Release all debts you hold against others right or wrong.

We have gathered and collected many things we do not have space

enough to keep. While some things are cluttering, others are pure poison.

Solomon puts it well for he had much that brought him only grief: **Eccl 2:11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.**

Eccl 4:4 Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

Eccl 6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

It is time to continue down the road that narrows and ask the Lord to show you how to narrow with it. Narrowing is one thing we tend to put off, but we cannot go further without doing it.