

Trumpet Sounds



Being God

1 Cor 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

"No, God, we think we belong to ourselves and decisions belong to us, even though we read over this in your Word. We act like Eve and take our own bite of life and screw it up constantly."

Why do we pretend to be God and take our own life into our feeble, limited hands? How have we never learned the lesson of Eve? If we think for one minute that we are far removed from her fall, we are deceived.

I got a call from a friend asking if I had 10 minutes to pray. In that prayer all I could think to pray was a prayer of thanksgiving that GOD was God and not us. I would not ever want the job of God...EVER!

I began to consider the job of God but could not come close to anything like it that exists on earth...no, not even the leader of a nation.

I remember the headaches my husband had as an Imaging Director for years at different hospitals. (This is by no means one millionth of what we put God through.) Being a director means there are people under you and situations for which you must take responsibility and oversight. Schedule con-

flicts, personnel conflicts and administrative directives in which to comply, yet issued by those unfamiliar with the workings of imaging. Let alone 2:30-3:00 AM calls for shift coverage when no one is answering their phones! Anyone in this type of job is prone to headaches! You can lead the people to water but cannot make them drink!

Bless Jesus; He led the children to Living Water but *did not* make them drink. Jesus never tried talking people into His Living Water, though He offered it. Jesus did not even criticize one denomination over another: ***Mark 9:39-40 Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. 40 For he that is not against us is on our part.***

Jesus had fewer problems with the laymen who did not have all the answers than He did with the church leaders who claimed to know it all, yet did not recognize the very God they proclaimed to serve when He stood before them.

The sect of Pharisees even set out a campaign against God crucifying Him. Religion crucified Jesus. Jesus has been crucified over and over by any number of religions. Religion has many different faces, which fall under Phari-saical: Those who refuse to bend and lose their control, thus ridding themselves of the interference by being the

gods of their rules and regulations of what is and is not acceptable.

Pharisees were quite critical of Jesus' contact with tax collectors and "sinners" (Matthew 9:9-11; Luke 15:1-2), and with the apparently cavalier manner in which He approached the Sabbath (Matthew 12:1-2, 9-14; Luke 13:10-17; John 9:13-16). The Pharisees simply could not wrap their minds around the idea of a truly pious person doing the things Jesus did. What possibly began as a well-meaning desire to make sure they did not *offend* God, morphed into a desperate fear-based need to be *certain of their status before Him*. This, then, evolved into an elaborate system of rules and rituals that allowed them to *control God...be god*.

In his book, *Extreme Righteousness: Seeing Ourselves in the Pharisees*, Tom Hovestol creates a list of vices Jesus attributed to the Pharisees. Hovestol sees Jesus finding fault with the Pharisees for their self-righteousness, doctrinal dogmatism, hyper-piety, traditionalism, legalism/moralism, separatism, and hypocrisy.

I can see so many good things about the different denominations that started with a good heart but whose attitudes morphed in similar fashion. I do not like any campaign that has more to say about what the other guy is doing wrong than going about doing

good for the whole and showing God's love. We can always see what is wrong, but need to start looking at what is good...GOD IS GOOD.

If you want to be like God, do what is good, giving and loving rather than debating a campaign of who is more right and who is more wrong. I am certainly not the "rightest person", but, news flash, neither are you if you think about it truthfully.

We have not taken over "godship" when Jesus left this earth. The Holy Spirit took over where Jesus left off on earth by bringing remembrance of Jesus' Words as well as showing us of things to come. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to do His work in us and through us, especially since we do not belong to ourselves or can profess to be God.

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Disowning Children

Disownment is the formal act or condition of forcibly renouncing or no longer accepting one's child as a member of one's family or kin. There are parents who have done this; I cannot imagine it myself with my own children or grandchildren.

I have had to let my children go to live their choices and face their consequences, and that was hard enough, but they never ever left my prayers or heart. I have had to lay my life aside for my children in sacrifices for their wellbeing, yet I had to learn where my life ended and theirs began.

God tells us: *Deut 4:31, (Heb 13:5) I will never leave thee, nor forsake (Heb: raphah) thee.* Yet many of those in Replacement Theology will say, "What about this Scripture: *Jer 23:39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake (Heb: nawtash) you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence:* Knowing that God is not a man that He should lie, and that the whole universe is hinged upon God's uncompromised Word which changes

not...what is the answer?

The answer is in the word translation, which many people do not seek out even though the Scriptures tell us to rightly divide the Word of Truth, for all Truth agrees with the same Truth. There are many words in Hebrew for our one word in English, for example:

Deut 4:31 forsake: rapháh (nor) to leave, forsake, let alone

Jer 23:39 forsake: nātash (I will) to disperse or scatter

God did not disown His promise or His children, but He let them go to live their choices and face the consequences of their choices as history proves out. Jesus gives us a parable that is an eternal Truth, whether for an individual or a nation of many, in the Prodigal Son. It is the example of a father who let go of his son yet forgave and took him back with great joy. The father is God; the prodigal is Israel, yet the faithful son who became disgruntled is Replacement Theology. A Truth is a Truth whether for an individual or a people. Truth reaches farther than man's intellect

and interpretation.

What Jesus prophesied history bears out that Israel was *dispersed/scattered* over the whole earth because God released them to their choices, yet He never disowned them. Look at this in Luke 21 where Jesus prophesied future events, knowing about His crucifixion and death to come: *Luke 21:20-24 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

The prophecy of Jerusalem/Israel scattering did happen in AD 70, and they were taken over by many Gentile nations over the generations, but not forsaken, since in a miraculous war a dispersed/scattered people came together and took their nation back in 1948 and Jerusalem in 1967. The Prodigal people, with the miraculous help of God, returned. Even commentaries written before 1948 took Israel out of the picture of prophecy though there were Jews there was no Israel on the map. If those old commentators, were they alive today, they would have to revise what they could not have seen happening in their day.

Israel stands a miracle today in their existence against all enemy forces surrounding them. The Jews know Jehovah Rapha, the God that Heals and restores.

Many Christians are divided in their feelings of restored Israel just as did the prodigal's brother, but if the Father welcomes them back with open arms and roasts the fatted calf...trust me, I want to be at the same table eating steak!

Ps 107- See-Saw



This is an example of the foolishness of God's children, but God's faithfulness to restore them back again. *Ps 107:2-6 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. 6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. Ps 107:10-14 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High; 12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help. 13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. Ps 107:17-20 Fools because of their*

transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. 19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Ps 107:25-29 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. 28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. 29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

The chorus in between the seesaw of disobedience and God's restoration is the key to learn: *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!* (Read all Ps 107)

Yea And Amen

The Bible is so full of God's promises, that it is not really possible to count them. Some people have tried and come up with about 3000. Others have counted 7000. Herbert Lockyer wrote a book called *All the Promises of the Bible* and claims to list 8000. Let's just agree that the Bible is full of them from Genesis to Revelation. **2 Cor 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.**

Yea: *nai yes, surely, truth, verily*

Amen: *amen firm, trustworthy, so be it*

He is absolutely trustworthy Nu 23:19 *See also* Tit 1:2; Heb 6:13-18

He is unchanging Ps 110:4; Mal 3:6 -7; Jas 1:17-18

He has the power and will to fulfil his promises Isa 55:11 *See also* Ro 4:21

He is faithful in keeping all his promises Jos 21:45; Jos 23:14-15; 1Ki 8:56; Ps 145:13; Heb 10:23

God's promise is also His Word to keep. God does not break His Word. If God could renege on one promise, He can renege on any of them, and if that were possible He would be divided against Himself and His Kingdom could neither stand nor could the foundation on which we plant our feet...trust...faith...life.

God has given two great examples in history documented in His Word of kings making a decree, in which they had to live up to whether they liked it or not. Howbeit, these are human kings and not a wise God as being the

only difference. King Darius was tricked into a decree that put his friend Daniel's life in peril. His intercession through the night saved Daniel from the lions in the den. Then there was King Ahasuerus who made a decree against the Jews in Haman's deception. On discovery of Esther's ancestry, he equipped the Jews to win against anyone who dared to try to defeat them. Neither king could go back on his written word. God's Word is greater than any, for all He had to do was speak, "Let there be light," for it to appear.

If God can take back His promises to Abraham...to the Jews for all their backslidings and failures to obey, then He can take back our promises for the very same reason. The Jewish leaders denied God because they did not recognize Him.

Peter knew Jesus was the Son of God yet denied Him. Peter went on to complete the promise of being the Rock on which the church was built. Is the U. S. without blemish that kills her own and neglects Truth for folly?

Matt 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

I would rather be guilty in extending grace to the undeserving than judging in err, for I do not know of any deserving salvation, thus am thankful for God's grace.

Gossip For Gospel

Mark Twain once said, "A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes." This is rather what I have seen happening in the news media for years before Trump's use of the term "fake news". Being first to break a story has given way to careless journalism. By Twain's statement, he shows truth as taking the time to become fully dressed, while a lie can be done in pajamas and the use of fast technologies. Accuracy has been replaced with the music of a soap opera at the point of their cliffhanging moment before the show cuts to commercial. The guilty then pour out the "whine" of unjustified persecution into goblets and the world becomes drunk on lies and stumbling in the process. To give another quote, "The further a society drifts away from the truth, the more it will hate those that speak it."
-George Orwell

Are we so eager for relishing the gossip of yellow journalism and our ability to shock others in spreading it, that we see little value and regard for truth as lackluster by comparison?

Have you noticed that proof is boring...Proof is tiresome...Proof is an irrelevance, and people would far rather be handed an easy lie than search for a difficult truth, especially if it suits their own purposes.

Yet this is not confined to journalism but to each of us in our daily lives no matter our profession. Many times we speak before we think. That being the case this Scripture comes in like a flood:

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever

things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

What we think on-we speak, and if we take pause to think on what we value from that Scripture it allows less wiggle room to err. There are Scriptural Truths and truths written outside of Scripture that are wise truths none-the-less. Here are a few:

"The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it."

"In a time of deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act."

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened."

"The truth will set you free. But not until it is finished with you." (This is my favorite.)

"People often claim to hunger for truth, but seldom like the taste when it's served up."

"Three things can not hide for long: the Moon, the Sun and the Truth."

"Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't going away."

"Lies run sprints, but the truth runs marathons."

"Truth can hardly be expected to adapt herself to the crooked policy and wily sinuosity (bending) of worldly affairs; for truth, like light, travels only in straight lines."

Panning

To "pan" is to wash gravel and debris by shaking motion in a pan with a screened bottom to separate out (gold): *The prospectors panned for gold in the Yukon.* A synonym for pan in this definition would be *to sift.*

The reason for the definition comes from the vision I saw in prayer with a prayer partner this morning, while praying for the nation as well as God's children. I saw that this nation is being panned as well as families and individuals. The Scripture I got was in Luke 22:31-32 *And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and*

when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

However, in the vision I did not see gold as I would have suspected but many colored precious stones. They were sparkling with color and beauty. My prayer partner got this Scripture in Isa 54:11-13 *O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. 12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. 13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy*

children.

Many of you can relate in your personal lives, lives of your family and of course this nation. Jesus' Words ring true *"But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."*

Peter lived through the sifting and became stronger. Panning sifts the debris so that the precious stones can surface. *1 Peter 2:4-5 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priest-*

hood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

To you who have been panned, shaken, sifted, allow what is hurtful and grievous to pass through this sifting knowing that you are a precious stone and a valued life that will shine through at the end of the trial.

Nothing done to you, though it seemed evil, will be wasted but serve its purpose and you will have gained more than you could ever lose. In the end you will see the good if you allow it.

Knock, Knock...?

I know that I often open an article by saying that I got what I got while in prayer. I am far from an intellectual and I cannot credit myself with all that I write. I get what I get from the Holy Spirit, yet it is written through my personality. So, though the article sounds like me, trust me I am not that smart or clever. In me are the misspelled words and punctuation errors etc. I am amazed how much information comes to me in prayer, even words I have not known or used before, but Holy Spirit sticks them in and I look them up to make sure it was God. For example, when doubting myself in writing an article one time, I asked God if He was writing it with me. I thought I had heard nothing but kept getting the word **ubiquitous** all day. Not having any idea what that word was or its spelling, I shook it off and asked the Lord again if He was in what was being written. However, I continued on writing and wondering but that one word would not leave my mind. I finally figured maybe the Lord was trying to tell me something, so I looked it up and the definition was my answer—Ubiquitous means ever present, omnipresent!

Everyone's communication is as different as we are, but God's Spirit is always communicating with us even if we shake it off because it sounds like our own voice. We have to remember that everything in our head whether good or bad sounds like it came from us because we only hear our voice. Not every voice comes from us. Surely we do have our own voice, likes, dislikes, and opinions, but many times it is God's Spirit trying to tell us something as well as an enemy planting thoughts in whispers. If you were to look up the Hebrew word for the serpent in Gen 3:1, it would be: *náchâsh* whose root is from hiss or a whisperer. Then we remember God's "still, small voice. Both a still, small voice and a whisper are hidden voices in our head not identifying themselves with either a trumpet sound accompanied by an angel choir or a *Whaaaaaha-ha!!!!* of the enemy. Thoughts are not audible but telepathic which are transmitted with the dialect of one's

personal voice.

We know the voice of the Holy Spirit by knowing Jesus' Words, acts and attitude. We know the serpent's words because they are a twisting of God's. Though we cannot credit all ownership of the thought, we get credit for the reaction and performance of it should it escape our mouth or play out in our willful actions.

Our spirit plays the part of discerning and distinguishing the voices, but often our feelings and emotions choose badly when they overrule our spirit.

John 10:2-5 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him:

for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

All wisdom is wrapped in the Holy Spirit of God, and all who are wrapped in the Holy Spirit are wrapped in His wisdom. When I pray, I pray in the spirit with the understanding, and answers that were far off come near. Things for which I had no access in myself alone become accessible.

The Apostle Paul said it best: *1 Cor 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:* Of course, the understanding he got in those prayers he spoke in his known language for the church to understand, just as I write what I get in English.

Knock, knock...Who's there? Pay more attention to the thought initiated, for they may not be yours to entertain or could be one to follow.

Considering God

Have you ever noticed that people will heed their emotions and feelings over absolute, unshakable Truth? How can Jesus write more in our hearts if we cannot even believe what is written already? **John 16:12-13** *I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

One thing, in the midst of all of David's imperfections, was that he did not forget all that God had done for him: **1 Sam 17:37** *David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.*

David's faith in God did not fail since

instead he considered the miracle of the bear and the lion. In other words, David was sensitive to God and knew what God could do, because he had not forgotten.

Whatever we consider becomes more sensitive to us. Whatever we do not consider we become insensitive to. **Consider** means to *study, ponder, deliberately examine and meditate.*

Here is another baffling example: **Matt 16:9-10** *Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? 10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?*

The subject matter was not even about bread. The disciples left the weightier matter Jesus was expressing to worry about whether they had bread. Here Jesus is telling them that though they witnessed the feeding of the 5000+, they had not considered

the miracle enough to add to their faith.

How is it that God can answer our prayer of healing and finances etc. yet in the next moment we worry over another situation and forget that God is more than enough? It does us well to consider...meditate. You may be thinking, "Well, I wasn't healed last time." I will tell you that you missed grabbing onto the "sign" He gave you in the process of waiting, and you neither considered it nor received it, thus, the enemy was able to steal your answer depleting your faith.

I would say about 1/10 of Christians actually take the time to consider their testimonies and all that God has done for them. How do I arrive at this fraction? **Luke 17:17-19** *Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath*

made thee whole. Only one in ten considered Jesus, however, to only one was said that he was WHOLE.

WHOLE: *sōzō* meaning *saved, delivered, preserved wholly*. All ten were cleansed or cleaned of the disease, but this one who considered Jesus' miracle had the faith to carry him through any trial in his future. Jesus also told the stranger that his faith had strengthened, by these words: **Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.** This is saying your faith has served you well and will serve you in the future against any giant. The nine who were cleansed, would find trouble in the next bear or lion entering their path being insensitive to God's power and ability to change the situation.

Whatever you are facing personally or in your family, it is time we stop and consider God and His Word allowing our faith to grow and our fears to diminish in all future bears and lions. Amen?

Pro-Life/Pro-Choice

"Pro" is the same as saying "for" as in PRO-life or PRO-choice meaning FOR-life or FOR-choice.

There was no such thing as choice of any kind until the serpent gave one to Eve. Eve became pro-choice by making up her own mind rather than being likeminded with God. She could decide in her own opinion what was good and what was bad. The choices are subjective to the desires of the one making them. With mankind having choices all hell broke out on earth, which was beforehand perfectly contented and blessed with abundance.

It is interesting that in the day in which we have come the term "pro-choice" is the curse of Eve coming full circle: **Gen 3:16**

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children...

She lost both of her firstborn children...one in death and the other banished forever. Her pro-choice decision saying that her life and body belonged to her to do as she thought best lost her two sons.

Today pro-choice continues to lose us our sons and daughters. Life has become devalued and easily removed. Rachel is still weeping for her child: **Jer 31:15, Matt 2:18** *In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her chil-*

dren, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

Before every deliverer there is either abortion in place or infanticide. Moses and Jesus' times are prime examples of abortions and infanticide before or just after their birth.

The serpent is alive whispering for mothers to abort their babies for one reason or another...still whispering for unhappy teens to end their lives or take others with them in schoolyards.

Who is the enemy so worried about coming forth today that the murders of babies and young people is the same default as in past generations.

BUT...there was still a Moses, and regardless of a whisper to King Herod, there was and still to come a Savior who is Christ the Lord. God will get done what He needs to get done, yet He has given us everything including His own Son in order for us to choose. God Himself has weighed in the debate: **Deut 30:19** *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

There may have been no choices in the beginning, but we must now make them and live the consequences.