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TRUMPET SOUNDS

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PROVOCATEUR

To provoke is to stimulate or give rise to a reaction or emotion, typically a strong or unwelcome one in someone.

Satan provokes a thought; we think on it. Satan provokes a feeling, and we become sensitive to it. Satan provokes doubt, and we hesitate. Satan provokes fear, and we are anxious. Satan provokes a symptom, and we become sick. Satan blackmails, and we pay the ransom in secret shame. Satan deceives, yet we consider.

Satan is a stimulator giving rise to our thoughts, emotions and feelings. What does the enemy know? *Pro 23:7 As a man thinks, so is he...*

Satan is the placebo that urges the mind to rise to believe whatever is initiated. We all know that a placebo is

a harmless pill, medicine, or procedure prescribed more for the psychological benefit than a physiological effect. In other words, satan's placebo is harmless without our being stimulated into action. If we were more inclined to reject rather than to stimulate the suggestion further, it would have no effect or part of us.

So what do we have but a powerless enemy, whom Jesus defeated, handing out placebos having no physiological effects controlling us to react. What key does a powerless enemy have over us? *Pro 23:7 As a man thinks so is he...*

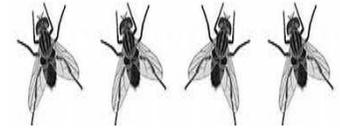
Don't you agree that it is time that we take our thoughts, emotions and feelings back into our own captivity? Why

hand our booty over to the enemy who has no weaponry to hold us captive?

I will tell you why it is so easy for us to be taken...we do not recognize him. When satan provokes a thought, it is our voice we hear. He uses our own internal equipment against us. If we heard the actual serpent's voice we would argue with the intruder and kick him out.

When our mind is in tune and full agreement with the Scriptures we are more likely to reject a thought that does not belong as part of our thinking. Just as on an aptitude test, we see pictures of the same exact fly yet we are to pick which fly seems different:

The third fly is not facing in the same



direction as the others, therefore it is different. It is the same with the provocation of satan. It has our same voice in our head, but it is not facing the same way as our other thoughts, therefore, it is different...not typically us. That being said, if you have accepted satan's provocation as the "normal" you, and the Scripture is the only frame out of place, you are more likely to reject the Word as not part of your thinking and continue being led by the enemy in both thought and action.

Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

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FEELINGS VS. ATTITUDES

Feelings are emotions. They can be an experiential sensation of the moment whereas an attitude is a settled way of thinking and being. Our feelings change like a chameleon depending on our surroundings, but attitude can change the surroundings for either good or bad.

I have seen people clamber to get to where there is excitement to tap into and allow their feelings to drink from the fountains of enthusiasm and praise. They may only stay as long as their feelings are excited, but when those feelings wane they go to seek the next high.

People with an attitude of praise do not need to be given a high; they take it with

them. Attitude is less dependant upon the charisma of others.

Feelings come and go, but attitude is built over time. If our attitude is one of praise, we will take it wherever we go. If our praise depends upon our feelings then we start out at a loss. If you start from the point of loss it takes more to recover and then surpass to get to that goose bump desired. The goose bump is a fleeting memory, for it can only stretch itself so far.

Praise is not something that we get but something that we have. Praise is part of our being. It is on the inside of us rather than something we bump into occasionally if the ingredients are just

right.

The only way I can describe praise is in knowing the Lord not just as Savior but as a best friend. We carry the admiration of that Savior and friend closer than anyone else. We share secret things between us and nothing can separate us.

I have always told Jesus, that if all I have ever believed of Him is wrong...It would be too late for me to leave Him, for I have fallen in such love that nothing can take out of my heart all that we have been through together and all that He has done for me.

I cannot help but praise Him.

SELAH

We often see the word SELAH in Psalms. Selah means suspension or pause here. For example: *Ps 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.*

Selah means think about what was just said. Rereading that same Scripture...think about that. *Blessed be the Lord*, but how is the Lord blessed?

Ps 103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Ps 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits:

Ps 103:22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Ps 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

How is the Lord blessed...SELAH...It is by *O my soul.*

We need to add the "selah" element into our lives. How do we wake in the morning? SELAH. Blessed be the Lord

who daily loadeth us with benefits. We bless the Lord O our souls and all that is within us blesses His Holy name!!

Most go through the day barely noticing that the Lord is with us as we wake and grumble about getting up, rub the sleep away from our eyes and scratch our butts. From there it gets busy. No selah to consider the day and put it into mightier hands than our own. We are more likely to scratch our butts than smile and thank God for the day. We bring yesterday's burden into the morning setting ourselves to face all the un-dones and heaviness by carry-

ing it over into a new day as if an addition to the one already spent yesterday and tomorrow turns into last week!

Try starting the day with blessing the Lord and stop for a selah moment to acknowledge Him throughout the day without giving Him a list of to-dos or griping about conditions. If you start taking a selah to praise Him, your whole day will turn miraculously around! Try it, and then apply it making it a daily practice. Selah

FINDING THE COMMON DENOMINATOR

In math a common denominator is finding a factor that will divide equally into the varied fraction's denominators. This election year is like a child needing to work a mathematical problem when all the denominators seem to disagree. They can ask for someone else to do the work for them, avoid the problem altogether or work to find a common denominator in which they can divide into all the figures that had not agreed and solve the problem. This is my own dilemma in this election season. Problem solving is more easily done when all the numbers agree, but that is not what we are facing in this election. We are no longer children that can expect others to do our work for us or avoid responsibility altogether. We must find a common denominator using our Christian moral compass.

To have a view on the candidates we must first look at their views. Personality and appearance would be important if voting for "Miss Congeniality" in a pageant but not for the office of president. I also think that we might want to notice that it is not a failure to have changed an issue from what was a preference in the past, but rather what is the current conviction. I have changed my own thinking through time and call it growth not flip-flop.

Whether or not we like the choices facing us in this election, we each have one vote. It is our right to evaluate and vote our conscience. With some very important issues at stake to abstain from using our voting right would mean giving up that

right for others to do what is right in their own eyes. I can hear you thinking, "What if there is no right thing?" There is always a common denominator that even when the numbers cannot agree there will be one factor that can give a solution.

I did research on some general issues that make me take note. Between money and morality, as a Christian voter, I cannot separate my moral conscience from being my most valued asset entering a voting booth. In other words, money concedes its power to the moral compass. *Matt 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

Here is what I have gathered trying to find my own common denominator.

Issue: Faith

Hillary: (of Methodist background) When asked about church attendance at a press conference, she stated that she went to church on Easter and followed the statement with, "I mean, so?" She is first and foremost a confirmed liberal in all areas.
Trump: (of Presbyterian background) When asked about church attendance stated, "Well, I go as much as I can...always on Christmas...always on Easter...always when there's a major occasion...and during the Sundays. I'm a Sunday church person. I'll go when I can."

These answers about faith did not help, for one seemed offended to be asked about

her faith and the other spoke more respectfully of faith yet as though a passing acquaintance.

Here is a list of some of the issues:

Abortion as a woman's unrestricted right

Hillary=Strongly agrees (there is no stage that cannot be terminated)

Trump=Disagrees (teeters over the life of the mother, rape and incest as possible exceptions)

Comfortable with same sex marriage

Hillary=Strongly agrees (sees more entitlements to the cause in the future)

Trump=Disagrees (it was decided in the courts but should be a state by state issue)

Keeping God in the public sphere

Hillary=to a degree (by public she means at church not municipal facilities or schools)

Trump=Strongly agrees (strongly believes in the voucher system for faith based private schools)

Absolute right to gun ownership

Hillary=Strongly disagrees (will be adamant on getting the guns out of civilian hands)

Trump=Strongly agrees (upholds Second Amendment rights)

Prioritize Green Energy

Hillary=Strongly agrees (will close down many facilities)

Trump=Strongly disagrees (will tap into more of our resources, less into dependency from other countries)

Expanding the military

Hillary=Disagrees
Trump=Agrees

Supreme Court Justice picks (The next president will likely name as many as 3-5 justices to the Supreme Court)

Hillary=Very liberal (Her litmus tests: Roe v. Wade must be upheld, taxpayers funding abortion and Planned Parenthood, *Obergefell v. Hodges case*, a 5-4 ruling redefining marriage nationwide)

Trump=Conservative (Trump said his list is "based on constitutional principles, with input from highly respected conservatives and Republican Party leadership")

These are the issues they say they represent. Both of these candidates have made extreme statements that feel no apology is necessary from Hillary's disagreement with the Supreme Court decision of faith based businesses (Hobby Lobby) for upholding faith based issues in their business practice...she considered the ruling a travesty, to Trump's statements made of Muslims and punishment to women having abortions etc.

We can read between the lines that they both have an extreme side. Hillary is a liberal democrat's democrat who surrounds herself with more of herself, while Trump, in my opinion, is still learning how to be conservative by surrounding himself with as many as possible.

I believe I have found my common denominator in these issues, but would rather Jesus just return...**MATTER SETTLED!**

THREE STICKS

Without disclosing names, there is a woman who had a night vision she thought to be a nightmare. She dreamed that to every minister was given three sticks by the Lord in which to fashion a church. Try as they might the ministers used the sticks in every direction thinking of how to make it into a temple. Each failed understanding how this could be possible.

The mentality of the churches today is likened to **A Field of Dreams** implying "If you build it, they will come." This is not a movie but reality. While it is possible that people might come to see the amazing build, the build has no staying power and the numbers will decrease or die off with the elderly who had made pew sitting a ritual. Jesus said it this way: **Matt 23:27** *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones...*

We do not have to imagine how God feels, but have only to read and know that without building upon Father, Son and Holy Spirit the sepulchres are but tombs full of dead bones.

How did God describe His church? My

house is a house of beauty? A house of rest? A house of the latest technologies? A house of talented speakers and performers? A wealthy house of ornaments? **Isa 56:7** *Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.* (also stated in Mt 21:13, Mk 11:17, Lu 19:46)

Prayer is the word proseuche meaning *praying in song (warship)*; by implication an *oratory (chapel)*: - X pray earnestly, prayer. Very little prayer is done in the church and relatively even less in the spirit. Azusa Street became famous and overcrowded because everyone waited upon the Spirit of God in prayer. Nothing was done without the Spirit of God leading it. Of course, later in years men thought to organize it themselves and it is nothing like the days of seeking God through praying in the spirit.

Acts 7:48-51 *Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, 49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye*

build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? 50 Hath not my hand made all these things? 51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Pray for our ministers to be led of the Holy Spirit, for according to this Scripture many resist His leading.

I have seen ministries get so involved in building a draw for people to come, yet this is not what grabs the heart of man. This old ground is going to shake and the foundations of heaven will be shaken: **Luke 21:26** *Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.*

Heaven in this verse is the word ouranos the *Gospel (Christianity)*. There will be something in which the church will be ill prepared, so much so that it will shake the very foundation of their faith. This will cause a great falling away right before Christ comes back if you continue to read the very next verse. I have guessed at many things that could shake the faith of the church, but I cannot say exactly. What I do know is no matter how beautifully

or state of the art the build or how charismatic the minister without Father, Son and the leading of the Holy Spirit it is a mere façade.

I want you ministers to take the three sticks, hold them in your hand and pray in the spirit giving ear to what He is saying:

Rev 2:7 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*

Rev 2:11 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*

Rev 2:17 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

Rev 2:29, 3:6, 13, 22 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

Congregation, you hold the sticks as well for unity of the body...PRAY!

TEST OF FAITH

Faith is highly under rated in how we see it today. Faith is a conviction not a preference.

Faith trumps feelings.

Faith hears, sees and believes God.

In faith is no doubt.

Faith paves all roads through the wilderness.

Faith feeds thousands with a few crumbs.

Faith has a voice that speaks and changes occur.

What faith tackles it conquers.

Faith casts mountains into the sea.

Faith is a stranger to the intellect.

Faith see when eyes fail to grasp sight.

When all around says nay, faith says yea and amen.

Faith never lets go when everything points to quitting.

Just when you think you cannot, faith says, "Oh yes you can!"

Faith turns nothing into something.

When hope's light fades, Faith's oil feeds the flame.

Faith stands when all else chooses to sit.

Faith says go when everyone says

stop.

Faith does not buckle at the impossible.

Faith is cousin to tenacity and persistent perseverance.

Next time you think you have faith, although your seeing *is* believing it, then test your faith against what is written here. Sometimes faith is all that you have to hold onto because everything else has quit you...just do not quit on it.

U. S. IN END TIMES

Many people have speculated where the U. S. is found in end times. Is she wiped off the map? Is she isolating herself from the unity of nations joined to attack Israel or is she absorbed into the One World Government no longer an independent nation? God forbid! Some say we do not seem to be around, and this in no way is a "thus saith the Lord", but with urgency I have prayed for unity between the U.S and Israel. I may have found the U.S. in the Scriptures and her purpose. It gave me something to consider that what the Great Awakening did to early America could well be the future event again and our aide to Israel back intact.

[Notice that the seal of the U.S. is the eagle.](#)



[Also notice the Navy, Army, Air Force and Marines emblems all have the eagle.](#)

Suffice it to say that the U.S. is represented by the symbol of the eagle with two wings spread.

There is no doubt that the United

States is in **Daniel 7: 4. *The first was like a lion (Great Britain), and had eagle's wings (U.S.): I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.***



[The emblem for Great Britain is the lion.](#)

The eagle's wings being plucked was U.S. Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. We were able to stand on our own as a nation with the heart of Christianity. Daniel actually prophesied our Declaration!

Now take a look at Israel's history as the woman: **Rev 12:4-6 *And his (dragon) tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman (Israel) which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child (Jesus) as soon as it was born. 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne (resurrection). 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where***

she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days (scattered among nations 70 AD). The history of Jesus' birth out of Israel's pedigree and satan's efforts to have Him killed is shown. After Jesus' resurrection, He was caught up to God and though Israel scattered she was preserved until the time of the Gentiles was fulfilled Lu 21: 12-24, when Israel became a nation again during the tetrad coinciding with Hebrew feasts of 1948 and then Jerusalem in 1967, which came again in 2014-2015, putting us in the next time marker...**Luke 21:25 and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity: the sea and the waves roaring...**

We are still in this period wondering how, when and where.

Going back to Rev 12: 7-13 the dragon is cast to earth's ground, which has not happened as yet. (Satan had been cast from heaven to the second heaven, although making routine visits to accuse the brethren before God night and day.)

We see that this shows something more than being cast from heaven but, just as God was held captive in a mortal body and vulnerable to death on the cross, satan will be cast to earth and in mortal bondage on earth and vulnerable to death as a human. Going by all the laws of God, mortals are given but once to die and then the judgment, yet before this happens the dragon/antichrist goes after the woman/Israel and look how God

helps her: **Rev 12:13-14 *And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child*** (church born of Jesus). ***14 And to the woman (Israel) were given two wings of a great eagle (U.S.), that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.***

Herein lays the hope of my prayers!!! Could it be, during the Great Tribulation, that the United States could be a harbor of safety, one nation under God once again, as the Antichrist dominates Europe and most of the world? We may not be a mighty power in the world but a mighty power in God's Spirit once again united with Israel before the coming of the Lord.

Prayer is the game changer...PRAY!!

Gen 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

This is why we have been blessed and appointed by God to stand with Israel. We have lost our footing in recent years, but there is coming the day for our return.

"FISHES AND LOAVES" MINISTRIES

I have been hearing more and more about so many churches and home ministries who have thought to open either food pantries or soup kitchens for the needy. This morning another minister was brought up in prayer for wanting to start this at his church. In praying, I felt the Lord calling these His "fishes and loaves" ministries, and I sincerely believe God is getting ready His ministries called for this purpose.

The reason it was brought up for prayer in the first place is that churches and communities sometimes balk at this thinking it will be abused

by those who do not need it or that it will encourage the "wrong kind" of people to come into their communities or churches etc.

Why would God be putting this on the hearts of so many of us to prepare by storing supplies unless He knew we would have need in the future for events on the way? We have an example of this in the story of Joseph. God put a prophet in the household of Jacob/Israel and they would need to recognize that he was God appointed. Little did they know that a famine was on the way. God saw what no man had

imagined. The brothers did not buy into the vision of Joseph and in a jealous rage threw him out. The Pharaoh of Egypt received the words of the prophet and received the reward of the prophet by the act of storing for famine as Joseph had revealed.

It was not the world who rejected the prophet, but God's children are the ones who poo-pooed it. In the end it was God's children who went begging, for when they cast out the prophet they did not reap the reward he brought to the table.

Are you one of God's children poo-pooing the move of the Spirit to store? I would rather take the chance and have extra food and water that I may never need than none when there is none to be found.

Think about how many catastrophic events have occurred and drinking water and food are gone. It has been a reality in many countries. We think, "But God will take care of us." Yes, he will send the prophet and his reward will be with him. If we cannot recognize the prophet we cannot reap the reward.

♥ OF AMERICA

Ps 51:10-12 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

I want to refer back to America's birth through the words of Daniel 7:4. It is the one where the wings of the eagle (U.S.) were plucked from the lion (Great Britain) and stood independently and was given a man's heart.

There are prominent leaders today who have scheduled America for a heart transplant. I believe God put a heart within America's birth as a nation that should be preserved. Yes, America's arteries have been blocked through the plaque of governmental control throughout the years no matter the platform or party. Some leaders, who disagree with the transplant, want a simple bypass surgery that will keep the heart ticking on but not really solve the issue.

Christians who love the original heart given this nation need to rise up and

put the paddles to it jumping the heart back to life...an awakening to her call and purpose. This nation has an appointment with destiny. Being off purpose with Israel will go badly for us because in the end we will fall to our knees out of great loss. We find ourselves in the same position as Joseph's brothers. We can either stand with Israel now or bow as beggars later.

It is time to bow on our knees to the destiny of our purpose since either way we will end up there.

1 Sam 15:22 ...obedience is better than sacrifice...

Not knowing the extent of the sacrifice we will have to make, are we willing to risk it?



Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word

SUPERNATURAL

For an electric lamp to work you cannot plug it into a bowl of chili! Things with electrical plugs can only work plugged into electricity. Likewise miracles are not considered natural but of the supernatural. Supernatural is attributed to a force beyond scientific understanding or the laws of nature.

God made two realms for mankind because we are a supernatural spirit of God breathed DNA living in a natural body with a physical, identifiable DNA. Man keeps himself held in bondage to the natural because he knows little to nothing about the spiritual. Man can plug himself into a bowl of chili easily. He can even leave the

natural to ingest the plastics and dyes created in laboratories as well as the unnatural chemicals of pharmaceuticals. Howbeit, a natural body cannot process what is not natural, although it can feel its effects with side effects.

Christians are so used to working by the natural man that all of his untapped supernatural within his grasp goes unplugged. He allows man's new science to dictate his every move and cure, but that science is always one step behind God who created all the laws of science.

Christians somehow believe that miracles will overtake them without a conscious

effort to be plugged into the spiritual realm. Having become the plastic and chemical society, we are prime targets for the desperate need of the miraculous.

I could say more, but read it for yourself...every word of it: ***Rom 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation (Hebrew: katakrima-adverse verdict) to them (1) which are in Christ Jesus, (2) who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*** There is no adverse verdict for two reasons given. Condemnation is an adverse verdict that

comes from living outside of both natural and supernatural realms. Doctors are relating the adverse verdicts to patients all the time. We are not above these adverse verdicts, but we do hold the supernatural remedy and it will not come from plugging ourselves into that bowl of chili but into the supernatural realm of God.

Holy Communion is the only medication for the miraculous. We must plug ourselves into the realm of the spiritual for the supernatural and walk by the Spirit. Like Jesus, we do not live by bread alone but by every word out of the mouth of God.