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TRUMPET SOUNDS

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LITMUS TEST

A litmus test is a single indicator to prompt a decision. It is used for things from testing acidity levels to judging a person to see if their words match their actions. There are so many things Christians say and do to be a Christian example. Maybe they are in the choir or praise team. Maybe they teach Sunday School, become a deacon, an elder or help raise money for the church. Some mow grass and others work in the kitchen during a

church function etc. However good those things seem to be they are not the litmus test of Christianity. Everyone looks good when church is the backdrop, but how are you when you are at the store, gas station, sports event, out with your best bud or just around the house? Going to church is no litmus test of anything other than attendance with the potential to be disciplined. You might be surprised to know

that many people sitting in a pew are listening to the message as being directed at their heathen relatives while little if anything is applied to the listener. *"Boy oh boy, does Uncle Leo needs to hear this one!"* The litmus test for a Christian was given in one sentence: **John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.** Do you want Uncle Leo to hear the message? Then

show him the love of Jesus. The church has the greatest power to win the lost with one ingredient...LOVE. And though you may have the gift of prophecy, or suppose you understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; you might even have astounding faith enough to move mountains, yet neglecting love, you really have nothing at all. 1 Cor 13:2 Faith, hope and love are a threefold cord not easily broken but the greatest strength of the Christian is LOVE.

BUCKET LIST

In reading the news this morning, I saw an article titled: 12 Pizzerias That Should Be on Your Bucket List. PIZZA, really? Before "kicking the bucket" some make a list of to-dos that will be supposedly accomplished before the event. I got to thinking about this. What would I put down on a bucket list of things to accomplish before I either die or the Lord comes? Since my steps are already ordered, I have to seek the order to see what is on the list.

The first steps I found in Matt 22:37-39:

1.) Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and

with all thy mind.

(This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it,)

2.) Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

The next couple of steps I found in James 1:27, which describes pure undefiled religion:

3.) Visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction,

4.) Keep myself unspotted from the world.

5.) Forgive men their trespasses-Mt 6:14

6.) Love your enemies-Mt 5:44

7.) Be not overcome with

evil, but overcome evil with good-Rom 12:21

8.) Let this mind be in me, which was also in Christ Jesus-Phil 2:5

9.) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let me esteem others better than myself-Phil 2:3

10.) Abide in faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love-1Co 13:13

These ten can keep me busy my whole life, but if the list went to 1,000,000, you would not find pizza anywhere on it!



TRUMPET SOUNDS

Ezek 33:2-4, 6 *Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When the sword comes upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: 3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head...6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.*

There are many who see and hear but remain silent. The silence is deadly to both seer and ignorant.

What makes us silent?

- People might think we are nuts!
- I do not trust what I see!

NO SMALL MISTAKES

Rev 12:12 *...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

Do you know what “woe” to the people of earth means? Do you know what “great wrath” is? Do you understand what implications it means when it says that the

- What if I am wrong?

Or maybe we just do not want to be lumped with the radical “doomsday preppers”, but when God says that I might be responsible for the blood of the ignorant on my head, I am willing to risk all of the afore reasons.

Judgment came to nations by these ingredients:

- Shedding innocent blood
- Idolatry
- Anti-Semitism
- Perverseness

Those things were judged, yet one is worse and brings about ruin to a nation: **Joel 3:2** *I will also gather all the nations together. I will bring all these nations down into Jehoshaphat Valley. There I will judge them. Those nations scattered my people, Israel. They forced them to live in other nations, so I will punish those nations. They divided up my land.*

The United States, although a safe haven for Jews in the past, have become divided in their loyalties to Israel. Even some churches in this

devil knows there is but a “short time” to spend that “great wrath”?

All this tells us that small mistakes are a thing of the past. Every misstep we make has the potential to become nuclear. There are no more little infidelities, lies, cheating, jealousies etc. The word that comes to mind is irreconcilable, meaning incapable of compatibil-

ity or being adjusted. This is not to say that forgiveness from God is out of the picture, but that the consequences on earth will be major. The divorce rate, division of families, loss of income as well as life, even stress and illnesses prove this out.

Several years ago I gathered my family together as I felt the Lord's urgency to share nation teach that the Jew is no longer accepted as God's chosen. Many of us, as we began to pray, felt the Lord saying “Do not pray, it will not change what is to take place.” Many of God's children have seen in dreams and visions the things that would take place in this nation: Natural disasters, severe economical problems, social disorder, division in government, division throughout the US, weakness trembling and fear, a loss of world influence and dominance, a loss of life etc.

Why give a warning of the trumpet sound if praying will not change anything coming? For the same reason the trumpet needed to be blown in the example of Ezek 33, that the people could prepare themselves for what was about to happen.

This government sees what they are keeping silent. Why all the mystery of FEMA camps and coffins? Why is the government denying the fact that they are storing surplus foods? Are these just conspiracy theories by some crazed radicals?

this with them and followed the warning by taking communion. I cannot make anyone listen to this warning but I must give it anyway.

Live in the integrity of the Word of God, and let love be the basis of every reaction. Keep yourself under the blood of Jesus at all times, and count the cost of your choices BEFORE making them.

Just as God's Word says: **Joel 2:28-31** *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*

Many are seeing visions and dreaming dreams that are not a fabrication of the mind, for many are seeing and getting the same things. Why? God's spirit is being poured out in this season for a reason.

Make your walk with Jesus firm. Know the Word of God, in case your memory is all you will have of it. Teach your children. Prepare your house and pray to stand in an evil day.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE THRONE

I have a Word of the Lord for someone out there and maybe a few more, and the Word is “coping”. For far too long the church has been coping as best they know how to cope with situations.

Coping is expending conscious effort to solve any personal and/or interpersonal problem by learning to tolerate it. The world of psychology teaches us to find ways to minimize or tolerate stress or conflict.

Can you spell bologna, boys and girls? You do not need coping skills to adjust to an attack of the demonic. We are heirs of a better covenant, which gives us authority to rule over these attacks. Let the enemy COPE with that!

There is no Scripture whatever advising or commanding us to cope with our adversary but to rule over him. We do not, under any circumstances, tolerate devils. We neither adjust to attacks nor do we make deals by

giving up our firstborn! No, no, this is a no brainer.

We are not victims of a crime scene but over-comers catching the criminal and making him pay back seven-fold.

Who does the enemy think he is? Maybe I had better ask this...who, in God’s name, do you think you are?

You and I have access to everything in heaven...on earth as it is in heaven...means grab it; it is yours. Yes, today...right now! It is your inheritance.

Here is another Word of the Lord for you: **“Gird up now thy loins.”** Translation: Pull up your big boy/big girl pants and stand like a Son of the Living God.

I am not rebuking you. I am rooting for you to stand and fight like mighty soldiers equipped with an arsenal of WORD to back you up.

Here are some Scriptures the enemy does not want you to claim for yourself. Study

them carefully and learn who you are:

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Rom 8:14-15 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

The day is NOW, the time is NOW, the season is NOW!

2 Cor 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of

salvation.)

Salvation is all inclusive: *rescue or safety* (physically or morally); - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving. In Hebrew it is y^eshū’âh *deliverance*; hence *aid, victory, prosperity*; - deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health), welfare.

NOW is deliverance

NOW is victory

NOW is healing (No, I did not say *now is feeling* but now is healing. Healing is not the same as feeling. Feelings are deceptive, and we are not to be led by them for they are no proof.)

NOW is welfare (No, not a system of government, but true well being.)

I cannot take credit for these words. They came straight from the throne of God, and I am gratefully receiving them, and so can you, AMEN?

SAME GOD

Just the other night at prayer, I began to pray for a precious family who brought their two adorable daughters. I used their family as a point of contact to pray for all families with little ones to bring up in this generation. As my mind traveled before the prayer could come from my mouth, I thought of all the ills of the world that they were growing in. The Spirit quickly brought my mind back to the Truth, which is: **“No matter the generation or times, I AM still the same God for you today as for your mother and**

grandmother and hers.”

When it came from my mouth, I actually listened to what was being said. It is undeniably true that the same God that got Noah’s little family through perilous times is getting us through these days. Same God yet more authority and promises through Christ.

While it seems that the temptations are greater today, they are actually no greater than any other before it and still the same God above it all.

I had bought into the excuse

of our day that it is so much harder for children today because of the technological distractions. An excuse tends to excuse sinful tendencies because...followed by a reasonable excuse. The truth is that no generation is exempt or excused from the Word of God. Eve and her boys may not have had today’s technologies in place but the distractions were still ever pulling them. Thieves are still stealing and adulterers still acting out their infidelities. Lawlessness has not skipped generations. Each generation has had its crooked per-

verseness. There were good and bad parents in the old Bible days as today and tomorrow. We do not even get very far in Genesis before the first murder in chapter 4. And if you want to look at the percentage of murders in that case it was one out of every four!

Let’s stop telling this generation of young people how much harder it is for them. We need to be instilling in them that God is still the same God to help them overcome today just as He did yesterday and will do tomorrow.



AUTHORITY UNMATCHED

Through the Word of God we are given *mass instruction* to rule over *mass destruction* in our lives. (Read that again.)

I am looking at some familiar Scriptures as if for the first time...catch this glimpse with me: **Luke 9:1** *Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.*

Luke 10:19 *Behold, I give unto you power (exousia) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (dunamis) of the*

enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

John 17:20-21 *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us:*

Dunamis is supernatural power while exousia is the potentate of authority and the token of control.

Satan has dunamis power and we have dunamis power, but Satan has not been given exousia authority

which is God's seal or signet of power to work evil against His Kingdom or His children. Satan can only take advantage of people who are putting up or "coping" with him. God, through Jesus, has given us the authority over ALL the power of the enemy.

The enemy can only gain access by sending a message through our hedge of protection to say that we are not safe as we may think. This begets fear and fear begets the open mouth policy of speaking our doubts and fears. Before you know it, Satan has been given carte

blanche to achieve an outcome. This is not by God's commission but the white flag of surrender by man with an engraved invitation to the disaster which is soon to follow.

This is the work of a bluffing bully, who has practiced for generations and gotten good at it. It is time to call the bully out and see what a wretchedly, defeated foe with whom we are truly dealing.

Now if we could just believe that our exousia authority trumps all lies and bluffs of the enemy's dunamis...we could take back the Kingdom!

RESERVED SEATS

Have you noticed that headline news confirms prophetic Scriptures over and over? While many shake their heads in disbelief of the goings on, Christians can see that God's Word does not lie. If Jesus were coming back by jet He'd be at the hanger already fueling up for an "all systems go". (I realize, even in saying that, that soon to us and soon to God is not necessarily the same time frame.)

This is not only a time of perplexity but of excitement in the move of the Holy Spirit taking us into new places as if reserved for this moment. This is the time to be in tune to the Spirit and confirming your reservations. I am not talking about reservations for heaven, but on earth...as it is in heaven! I am talking about those Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego reservations for the perfect seat

in a raging inferno or as Noah and his family had the best seats in the flood.

Whether in a den of lions or in the midst of a storm, I know where you can get the best seats for the occasion. It will cost your faithfulness to trust and the strength not to buckle at the surrounding sights and sounds.

It is ironic that for as many times in facing difficulties we just wish we were already in heaven, yet for a doctor to tell us we will be there soon is not the comfort we sought. Am I right? No, it is then we decide to fight and pray against it. Why wait when we can fight the good fight of faith now?

The Lord wants us to keep our reservations for that moment in time. Check it out in Ps 91. Here are some of the things surrounding:

- snare of the fowler

- noisome pestilence
- terror by night
- arrow that flieth by day
- pestilence that walketh in darkness
- destruction that wasteth at noonday

To keep our reservations we are given these instructions:

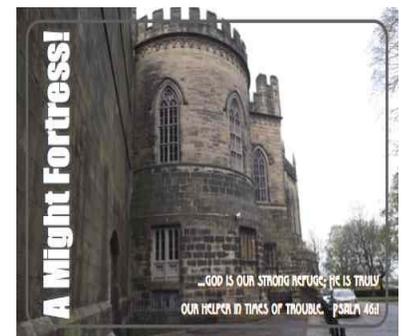
- That we dwell (not a visit) in the secret place of the most High
- Abide under the shadow of the Almighty
- Make Him our refuge and my fortress
- My God; in Him will I trust.
- We tread upon the enemy and the dragon will we trample under feet.
- We set our love upon Him, therefore He will deliver us and set us on

high, because we have known His name.

- We shall call upon Him, and He will answer us: for He will be with us in trouble to deliver and honour us.

It is because we have made the LORD our refuge and habitation; no evil can overtake us, neither shall any plague come near.

Those are the best seats in the house when all else shakes and rumbles.



PROVISION IS VISION

Egypt was considered prosperous especially during a time of famine. I will tell you that it had nothing to do with the land of Egypt but in one anointed who held the Words of life.

Joseph was anointed to understand mysteries. God provided a dream of things to come and Joseph was given the revelation.

The first revelation of Joseph's that we read was in his dream of his brothers bowing to him. This was neither in worship nor claiming the firstborn birthright. It was to recognize that in Joseph held a gift whereby

all could profit. His brothers could have accepted this gift placed in their family, therefore bowing to it regarding and embracing the gift. As we know already they rejected the gift for Israel, yet just as any prophecy given by God it will come to pass, and the brothers bowed to it in Egypt. ***Matt 10:41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.***

Egypt was no more fertile

than any other because without Joseph's insight Egypt would have been in the same shape as any other region during the famine.

God has blessed this nation with many anointed who hold gifts to prosper her; yet though the men and women of God speak, the principalities and powers in high places turn a deaf ear. They will bow and beg for loans to China, but not bend to the righteous within her own borders.

Prosperity does not come from nations but from the people anointed of God.



Why are many people storing food and water? Christians are not the only ones storing. Just as in Egypt many who are storing are not Godly in this move to store, but are receiving from the gifted of God, whether they realize it or not.

Do the churches receive Joseph's warning to store for the hard events coming? I would say many, if not most all, do not.

Prosperity is for ***he that hath an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying***, even if God is saying it through a Joseph.

TOUGH LOVE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

We know that our children are supposed to make mistakes when they are children, but once they become adults you expect them to start learning from their mistakes and stop making the same ones over and over again. What if this does not happen? What if our children continue to abuse substances? We need to learn how to adjust from the familiar practice as if they were still children under our control and learn the tougher love that comes as they become adults, as well as finding out how to stop enabling their behavior. This adjustment does not change our love for our children whether young to adult, but it does change how we handle the situations that arise.

Parenting Pathway featured an in-depth article about the guilt associated with having an addicted child and how emotionally damaging it can be. When something is wrong in the life of an adult child, parents commonly blame themselves. We feel guilty, even

ashamed, because our adult child is abusing drugs and/or alcohol. This is a common reaction. Our children are reflections of ourselves, and when that image is not so pretty many parents feel pain, sadness, and guilt.

First, we have to stop blaming ourselves. Our child is not drinking and drugging because we did not hug him/her enough, or because we were too strict or not strict enough. They are on their own journey, and somewhere along the way they got derailed. This is ***not our fault***. It is also not our fault that we cannot force our child into getting better.

Though we cannot make their minds up for them, there is something we can do when our adult children are abusing drugs and/or alcohol: stop enabling. Stop assisting the abuse by giving them money, food, shelter, assistance with any criminal charges... just stop.

You might be brought to mind that it is love that never fails. There are two kinds of love.

Misplaced love that enables the spiritual sickness of addiction to continue or tough love, which is still love, but the kind of love that will no longer participate in the abuse. A parent who loves his/her child cannot continue to give an adult child the entitlement to ruin his/her life and the lives of their own children should they have offspring of their own. The hardest thing for parents of an abuser to see is the abuse being handed down to their grandchildren.

Tough love is not angry love. Be compassionate, be forgiving, be ready to greet your child with open arms. Just do not assist the abuse any longer. ***This*** is the first step in tough love: start giving ***only*** love. Love is not written on a check and it cannot be put in a grocery bag full of food. Love is warm and welcoming, kind and forgiving. You can give them all of that, but you cannot give them the tools to continue their addiction...no more bail outs. They have to face their addiction on their own

and come to the conclusion to live and not perish.

Letting go is part of love too. You might have to let your child go, or even ***force*** them to go, so they can get the sort of help they need. You cannot give it to them, and you have to be the one to realize that. Pray fervently for them to make the right decisions and see what God can do when you cannot. Only the Lord can take them through the Valley of the Shadow of Death and back again.

This is not an easy ride and may be one of the hardest of your life so buckle up and spend the time building up your own faith.

Many foolish mistakes come from frustration like yelling at the very ones we love, but just as we must forgive our adult children, we must remember to forgive ourselves as well. It is not an easy time for anyone, but love, faith and trust in the Lord will sustain us in the worst of times.