



TRUMPET SOUNDS

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If you can grasp what I am writing to you, you will find some answers that could free your understanding and set you upon a new path. Have I sparked your attention? HOLY brought a nugget of wisdom into my heart this morning for something I did not have a way of expressing until now. So here we go.

First let me tell you something that you will say, "Yes, I already know that," but bear with me until I get where I am going. Jesus obtained all mercy and grace for us. He obtained healing by taking a beating and in a crown of thorns/cares (Mk 4:18-19) obtained our peace (the chastisement of our peace was upon Him). Jesus obtained deliverance, health, and increased knowledge and wisdom through His teaching of the Word. Jesus came and obtained all of these things for us. When He had obtained all there was to obtain He said, "It is finished," and in His finale obtained salvation for us through the cross. Jesus has nothing more to obtain for us. He is now interceding for and with us. Before He left He bequeathed all authority and power that he had obtained over to us. We do not have to **obtain** it, we have to **maintain** it.

- Obtain: is to procure and secure
 - Maintain: is to retain, nurture and feed
- There is no feat to perform in order to obtain that which has

already been obtained for us, but we must maintain what we have been given, which is to accept, commit to it, value and feed it. We cannot take for granted what has been given us. It is like being given a perfectly good house that we can either keep up or let fall into a state of disrepair. Our faith can suffer disrepair if we do not maintain it every day...YES, I said every day not only for an hour on Sunday.

Let me say it this way: Jesus obtained our salvation; there is nothing we can do to earn it. We maintain our salvation-**Phil 2:12 ...work out** (commit yourself to) **your own salvation with fear and trembling**. We walk it out, feed it, apply it and live it. There are things in this world that conflict with our salvation, and if we have not committed ourselves to the faith of our salvation, we are not maintaining it as good stewards. Jesus obtained healing by His stripes. Jesus will not come again to be beaten for our healing, and we cannot earn it, but we must maintain it through the Word of God. Jesus obtained our peace and we maintain it by trusting God's Word and by being anxious for nothing.

We cry out to God to make the enemy leave us alone. Jesus obtained authority for us that Satan WAS and IS defeated through His blood sacrifice. We are to maintain our authority over powers and principalities etc. Jesus is not going to defeat again

what has been defeated. A great example is in Paul who, having a thorn in his flesh delivered by one of Satan's emissaries, cried out for God to take care of the thorn. God gave neither yes or no to the request. He stated a fact that His Grace in Power was sufficient to get the job done... MAINTAIN IT! In other words, God is saying you have everything in your arsenal now take care of it. Paul rejoiced at this EUREKA moment that he had the authority as well as power needed, and I am sure he used it as his answer bears: **2 Cor 12:9 Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon Me. That the POWER of Christ may rest on me!**

- POWER: dunamis - force (literally or figuratively); specifically miraculous power (usually by implication a miracle itself): - ability, abundance, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.
- REST: episkēnoō - to tent upon, that is, (figuratively) abide with: - rest upon.

Paul had the power and authority from Jesus who had already obtained it. From then on Paul indicates that he would maintain it: **2 Cor 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, THEN AM I STRONG.**

- STRONG: dunatos - powerful or capable (literally or figuratively); neuter possible: - able, could, (that is) mighty (man), possible, power, strong.
- There is nothing you can ask Jesus that He has not already obtained. He has it covered. You notice that Paul's understanding is that he will maintain what was obtained since it rests and abides within him.

We, like Paul, have had the same dilemma when a messenger of Satan buffets us with a thorn. We have the answer, healing, deliverance etc. within us. Are you maintaining the promises that have been procured and secured for you by using the power and authority given? We are not to take the Word of God as lightly as we have but apply, retain, nurture and feed it. Consider

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COME TO THE WATERS

People starving and dry in the desert see an illusion of hope glimmering in the distance, and the farther they move toward it the less it appears as they envisioned. A lush green oasis becomes just more dry sand, yet they are not at the beginning of the trek but toward the end...dry, starved and brittle. By the end of the journey, when hope seems lost, they drink the sand for not knowing the difference.

This nation has come to the desert where food, water, peace and safety are as the gold bouillon of the past. Men and women seeking positions of authority to rule and reign supreme over us provide us with a verbal mirage. Hope dances in pictures through our minds as each one pleads, "Choose me." With each handful resulting in sand we have become weary that the promise of water is futile. This is expressed most accurately in Amos 8:11-13 **Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that there will be a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: 12 And they**

NETS AND LINES

To Peter and Andrew Jesus said, (Matt 4:19) **"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."**

Fishing was done with lines and nets, which brings a good revelation to you who are on Facebook. Whenever you go onLINE on the interNET you have the opportunity to testify in the broadest sense the Gospel of Jesus. It is going into all the world. Of course, the qualifier is as Jesus said, **"Follow me..."** We write what we follow...gossip, opinions, recipes and crafts, jesting-some in crudeness, and argue points of politics...and by the way what's with all the selfies?!

While there are many good Christian one liners,

IF THERE BE AN INTERPRETER...

Job 33:23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

Job was yearning for a messenger with an interpreter to make clear his righteousness before his accusing friends.

The first time I read this I felt the Holy Spirit of God groaning the same passage. The Lord is the message...being the Word. Then it struck my spirit how many interpretations of God there are with some of them not in His character at all. The interpreter sheds light upon the message to make God's righteousness clear for man to see and understand. I

shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. 13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. RRV

The day holds a barrage of candidates promising water while only beating the ROCK to get it. They can take neither anyone into the promise land nor can they enter themselves, yet they beat and beat upon that ROCK. Maybe it is now that "We The People" will come to stand upon the ROCK ourselves and drink of the everlasting waters of a KINGDOM that is found within each of us...whose name is Jesus.

We have witnessed a parade of men come and go, yet with Jesus we find an eternal field in which to plant our hope and reap its harvest.

The Kingdom of God is no mirage of sand at its end, but Truth, justice and provision for our weary souls. We can drink from its fountains, even in the driest of days, and be renewed of

how many personal testimonies do you see? **Acts 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.** The Lord is current in our lives and even greater than a Hallmark expression as nice as they may be. Christians have an avenue to share what God is doing currently in their lives.

On my website: christianbooksdot.com I get readers from many, many countries and some countries I have never known to exist. I have also gotten mail sent to me through my site from people in Muslim and Hindu predominant countries etc. In the month of January 2016 most of my readers came from Kuwait! It may seem that I do so little until I realize how many countries of people are reading what Holy

knew in that moment the desire of my heart was that of an interpreter. This is a heart matter for me...not a label. That day I felt God's heart, and my own was quickened. Soon after, I received a word that I was going to be sailing into uncharted waters. Maybe I am the only one who understands that just as Christ gave Himself that He might cleanse and sanctify the church **with the washing of the water by the Word**, so an interpreter clears the water from the waters.

Truth will always agree with Itself or it cannot be Truth. Truth is absolute and pure, yet man puts his own spin upon it and calls it God.

its strength and courage to continue on.

Upon this ROCK we build, though others sift the sands of men, we have a hope to share our overflowing bounty. Our testimony can bring life even if you think it is a mere half cup, it can produce gallons of life giving purpose to the dry bones who soak it up.

We are a cup of cool water to a thirsty land, whose only promises have given them sand, sand and more sand. This is time to let our bounty shine and share of the Goodness of its Waters.

We have a much greater choice during this election year, to place our eyes on what is True from all the mirages of promised...sand. Put your hand to a good vote but choose the better Kingdom and live for it...share it, and before you know it the land will respond in kind. **Isa 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.**

Spirit gives me. You do not have to be a Billy Graham or Joyce Meyers to reach people. We are fishers of men through these lines and nets of opportunity.

Who knows whose heart will need what you have to say. It does not have to be earth shaking to be a blessing to someone who needs a good word of encouragement in due season.

Would you not want to be that cool drink of water to a dry, thirsty person?

With so many people saying they do not know their call, Jesus simply says to all, **"Follow me and I will make your fishers of men."** You have the lines and nets at your disposal use it (inclusive to telephone lines and cell phones). Consider.

Isa 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Man's thinking and reasoning have interpreted God, yet trying to fit Him into our thinking has steered Him from His Truth. We can only interpret God by His Truth, which as I said always agrees with Itself. That is the litmus test in rightly dividing the Word no matter how it differs from our own thinking and emotions. Consider.

HIS NAME IS HOLY

Just as soda has fizz, a ferris wheel can take you to the heights, a diamond has sparkling faucets, a roller coaster can tickle your stomach and a cool water can refresh a hot afternoon...so is time spent with the Spirit of the Living God. Holy Spirit is the fizz, the heights, the sparkle, the tickle and refresher of our lives. He is not "a" holy spirit He is HOLY, the Spirit of God. His name is HOLY! HOLY's call is Comforter, which is paraklētos: *intercessor, consoler*: - advocate, comforter. **John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

By the Scripture in John we see HOLY as the

teacher reminding us of God's Word to us, but even more is the enlightenment HOLY puts upon God's Word that we see revelation. HOLY is the epiphany, the voila, the eureka, and the aha moment of God. HOLY is not a dull, boring spirit. His name is HOLY, THE SPIRIT OF GOD! (FYI, that is to be read with enthusiasm!)

I witness many saved Christians just hanging in there week after dreary week who, if asked, say they have the Holy Spirit, yet have not **HOLY**, the Spirit of God. There is a great difference. I believe many are the Christians who have never met with HOLY on a personal level. They would never drink a flat soda but they do have a flat version of the Holy Spirit. The flat version is actually not better than no

version at all (double negative). Nobody drinks a flat soda after the first taste...that is called kool-aid. HOLY is never to be confused with kool-aid.

Christians who do not know HOLY have lost their fizz and cannot see the heights for the depths, nor the sparkle for the muddiness, and certainly no tickle or refreshing for the worry, anxiety and depression.

You know, Christian, even a worm can turn into a butterfly with HOLY's help, but first you need to be acquainted. Go ahead and invite Him right now. You do not have to put on your best to let Him become your best.

Add HOLY carbonation to your flat life and get into your AHA moments. CONSIDER.

EXPERIENCE VS. TRUTH

Jer 1:12 ...I will hasten my word to perform it.

2 Cor 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea/YES, and in him Amen/ SO BE IT, unto the glory of God by us.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

I have wanted to write this article for some time but until now had not the words. This morning in prayer Holy gave me the words to write.

Experience is unique to its owner because it is practical, subjective observations of events or situations assessing patterns of connecting outcomes. (That was a mouthful, so you may need to read it again.) Experience makes its own truth. Does your experience walk in line with the Word or does it rewrite the Word giving it an excuse or loophole for not having the success hoped. **Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?**

I cannot find one example of personal failure that points itself to the inadequacy of the Word of God. I have found that failure had elements of bad confessions, doubt and doublemindedness, fear or unforgiveness, etc. Likewise, we assess others' faith (that we cannot possibly know their every thought) and wonder why they died when (we perceive) they had believed for a healing.

Our belief system is rather like a seesaw that totters from the Word to emotions, doubts or feelings, so while we say we believe, the question is on which side of the seesaw carries the weight? For most humans the weight is heavier upon emotions, doubts and feelings coupled with experience.

We make evaluations deducing outcomes in our understanding and catalog them alongside Scripture as disclaimers to the Word. For example: We pit **2 Cor 6:2 ... behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation,** (which is all inclusive meaning healing, rescue, deliverance, prosperity and health) with "Sometimes the answer is no," "It's all in God's timing." The latter examples are experiential sayings and not Scripturally based. That Scripture does not agree with those sayings or any like it in one Truth. If we have not received an answer, it is not because God is saying NO, but it is clearly stated: **James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.** Of course, we do not like to admit that we are doubleminded yet think nothing of calling God's Word doubleminded.

Many ministers like to say that there are

some gray areas in the Word. The gray areas come from marrying the experiential with the Word...that makes everything seem gray. Children have no such problem since they have not had the time to capitalize experientially...they just believe: **Matt 18:3 Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.** (The word *converted* means strephō to turn yourself back before all the experiences that interfered with the Truth.) **Luke 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.** (The word receive is dechomai meaning to accept the realm of God as a child.)

This is the season to either divorce the experience which does not agree with the Truth or keep what experience does agree as a witness to the Word and start with a fresh look into God's Word as it says: **Num 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?**

We need to take God's Word as it is meant to be, which for us means to dig deeper in study. A relationship in the Word is not a surface relationship but one going to the core of Truth which agrees with all other Truth.

Consider.

CONSIDER THIS

As you can tell from the years of Trumpet Sounds, I get caught up in political campaigns to a fault. Once again I began to feel the frustrations of “would be” leaders of the free world making their pitches for presidency.

The choices (not all, but most) show how dumbied “We The People have become (not all but most). With every debate I feel an argument in myself...and yes, I have talked back to the TV!

Realizing my flaw and confessing it at prayer the answer came...for me anyway. The Holy Spirit revealed through a prayer partner that if we wanted our nation healed, we needed to pray for Israel. It struck me like a weight lifting and revelation poured into my spirit! Of course, Scriptures declare that those who bless Israel are blessed. If we want our economy healed...pray for Israel. We do not pray to the God of mammon but to the God of Is-

rael. Think about it.

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.

Ps 122:6-7 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. 7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

Rom 15:27 For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.

THE DEGREE OF PREDESTINATION

Eph 1:4-5 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will...

People find predestination difficult to understand. Yet if we take off the prefix *pre* we find *destination*. God predetermined a destination from its beginning to its ending with a new heaven and earth. He created a people to fit into this destined journey and even ordered our steps, however, we do not necessarily keep to them at all times. Another Scripture shows this possibility: **Prov 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. This does not say a thing about in between the ages of the child until he is the old man. It simply means that though he may stray, he will most likely return to it again.

Jesus is the author and finisher of our story, but that is not to say that we do not take the pen in hand and write a few chapters outside of that destined character.

To what degree are we predestined? Reading Eph 1:4-5 tells us that salvation was predestined for man to become adopted as a child of God. God chose us all for that adoption. Many people believe that Judas was predestined to betray Jesus. God did not predestine murderers, rapists or thieves. Notice in the Eph 1 Scripture it states **he hath chosen us** and not **he hath chosen some of us**.

We know that the choice is ours: **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:

Jesus is the predestined WAY, TRUTH and LIFE, but we have the choice to choose that way, truth and life.

Jesus also chose twelve disciples. He did not choose eleven disciples and one betrayer. Jesus knew the betrayer after Judas took the silver, yet each and every disciple was sorely tempted to betray Jesus. Maybe they were not all tempted in the same manner, each being different, but to the same degree. We know this because of how each disciple reacted to what Jesus said: **Matt 26:21-22** and **Mk 14:19** Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. (Judas had already made an agreement with the Chief priests) **22** And they (all twelve) were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? Why would they each have worried that they were the one, except that Satan had tempted them all severely. We know that Jesus had seen the anguish of Peter's greatest fear: **Luke 22:31-32** 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.

That was not God's predestination for Peter but the desire of Satan Jesus said. God predestined us for salvation, Satan desired us for

Isa 62:1-3 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. 2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. 3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

We have been blessed even in our sins because we have blessed Israel. We have flourished in abundance, and in our worst of times were blessed beyond measure in the scheme of things.

If you want the prosperity of the United States of America or any other nation seeking this, the key is to pray for Israel. Consider.

deviation and this is why Jesus is at the right hand ever making intercession.

God's destination for Joseph was that he would be a way through famine for all of his household and that his brothers would bow to his authority. Satan deviated this to jealousy within the brothers who had a problem in this area. Though it deviated Joseph's journey and that of the brothers, in the end destiny was reached and Joseph was the way through famine with his brothers bowing to his authority. Unfortunately the deviation from Israel to Egypt meant that later they would have to be delivered out. I believe that we will meet up with our destiny but not necessarily in plan A but plan B, because of choices we make.

Look at President Nixon. Destiny called him into the presidency at the time that Israel needed his help. He was told by his mother while yet a boy that one day he would help Israel. She told him that anything he could do to help them to DO IT. Sure enough, Golda Maier called upon him when Israel's statehood was in the balance and Nixon told his generals to give Israel all they requested of them. Although Nixon fulfilled his destiny, he penned his own chapters outside of the ordered steps and resigned before he could be impeached.

You and I are predestined for salvation with a destiny. How we get there is our choice. Jesus is continually praying for us knowing that there is a tempter wanting to get us off course with two kingdoms fighting for us.

Consider.

CONSIDER THE ISSUE

During this season of resurrection, we will hear many sermons with some issues that I would like for you to consider in some Scriptures that will come into the forefront.

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

“Smitten of God” is an issue. First, we look at the word **God** and notice two things:

1. The translators chose to capitalize the word god
2. The word god is translated 'ēlôhîym which can be gods, goddesses, angels, or judges and magistrates

We know at Jesus’ trial that He was smitten and afflicted by judges and magistrates. Jesus was taken by night to Caiaphas the high priest or magistrate who, with his elders, condemned Him: **Matt 26:67-68 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, 68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?**

Whose were the hands that smote Jesus? These were not soldiers that did this, but the high priest who was the chief magistrate at the event along with the elders. In another address Jesus warned the believers that they too would be brought before the magistrates: **Luke 12:11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:**

So accurately we say that Jesus was smitten by the elohiym-magistrates.

Another issue is found in **Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we**

have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

“And the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” is another issue looking as if God is putting this upon Jesus. But again the translators took license in the word *laid* which is *paga* meaning *come (betwixt), make intercession, intercessor, intreat, lay or to light [upon], meet (together), pray, reach, run*. If you read further down to verse 12 we see...**he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.** The word for intercession is the same word *paga*. In other words, it should read in 53:6 **and the LORD hath interceded with him for the iniquity of us all**. Conjunctions like *on, with, by* etc. are all interchangeable just as articles *a, an* and *the*.

The last issue I want for consideration is this: **Mark 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

This was *being interpreted...Mark 15:35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias*. There were some mixed interpretations at the saying, but sticking with the chosen interpretation we look at this issue.

God as well as Jesus, being God incarnate, can never leave or forsake their own. This peaked my interest wondering how God could turn away from Jesus but never leave or forsake us. I am a firm believer that Truth is Truth and always agrees with Itself being Truth. Knowing this I look closely at words such as *forsaken* in

this verse. Forsaken here is the word *egkateleipō* meaning *allowed to remain over*. Remember that the sun became dark as evening in the middle of the day, and the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath was at dusk that evening. Jesus wondered that He was allowed to remain over into the Sabbath, which He would have known could not be. The phenomena of darkness in the middle of the day made it seem as night, and we see further in Scripture how the crucified were treated before the Sabbath: **John 19:30-31 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.**

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

We see God’s character more clearly in grace and mercy in this Truth. When we sin, Jesus does not turn away from us any more than God turned away from His Son, Heb 13:5. Jesus is ever making intercession as God did with Him. Man adds interpretation...like God turning away because He cannot look upon sin. Yet, if that were the case He would never have seen any of us, for all have sinned and fallen short of His glory. Take a closer look at this amazing God through the Truth of His grace and mercy.

It is all in how one translates the message of Truth, which must always agree with all Truth.

Consider.