

# Trumpet Sounds



## Finding Your Porpoise

A porpoise is a marine mammal much like a dolphin, with some variations. One thing I read about them is, because they must surface to breathe air, that when one of their specie is ill and cannot reach the surface, they lift it to get the air needed to live. They have been known to go beyond their specie to save humans and even stranded dogs or a whale trapped in the shallows.

How many times have we read or seen on the news of humans trying to save humans of different nations, colors and cultures in times of crisis?

Dolphins have been known to encircle a human targeted by a great white shark for up to 40 minutes flapping their fins to keep the shark at bay while protecting humans from the danger.

What is the porpoise of this article? We need to find our porpoise in life. How can we help those around us who might be victims in lack or despair needing aide?

We see fire fighters, policemen and soldiers rushing to the scene of disasters to save those who would otherwise be deceased vic-

tims. Yet, it is not only these professional saviors who risk their lives and efforts to save, but we too must find it our porpoise as well.

Many find themselves sinking in the depths of situations that need an encouraging word or physical help. We have a porpoise in life to lift our fellow man to the surface, we just cannot breathe for them.

We all need to be porpoise driven examples of Christ Jesus to our fellow man no matter what the differences...we all need each other.



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### We...Like Tensile

I learned a new word in prayer this morning: tensile—the resistance of a material to breaking under tension i.e. is a strength that resists tension. **Tensile strength** is the capacity of a material or structure to withstand forces that are trying to pull it apart. It can withstand stretching even beyond its stature and makeup. It can stand through the tests and stresses it is put under. However, it is tensile strength that quantifies the force needed to pull a rope, wire, or a structural beam to the stage where *it* breaks. Modern suspension bridges

use a box section roadway supported by high tensile strength cables.

As this word came in prayer, and in learning its definition, we prayed for God's children to become tensile strength that could resist the stretching and stresses against us yet become that force pulling apart and breaking through the enemy's attacks!

We, moms, are like the tensile strength cables holding the bridges up over the abysses for our children and grandchildren to cross from darkness

to light, death to life and lack to gain by the strength of our prayers.

Praise God, who gives us the



strength we need when situations stretch us and the stresses of life try to break us. We stand the tests and break through to victory if we faint not in our hearts!

## Reign Of Fools

**1 Cor 1:27-28** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **28** And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

God has chosen what the world deems the foolish, weak, base, despised and those who are nothing to bring about His miraculous changes. This does not mean that God's children are foolish, weak, base or despised, but that "the world" considers us a basket of deplorable simpletons. The world cannot trust, lean, or depend upon what it cannot see, yet God's children do it everyday, which earns us the foolish reputation.

**John 14:16-17** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; **17** Even the Spirit

*of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

When it rains on the land, it is not just one drop but many very small ones together. It may seem like a torrent of rain is coming down in buckets, but it is one drop after another.

I am one little drop...a one talent kind of drop. I am not Joyce Meyer or Joel Osteen. I am just one little drop, but I count along with all the other little one drops of rain to water with the washing of the Word.

Without all of the little drops, like me and you, there is another condition in the land called drought. **Amos 8:11-13** Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that a famine will be in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: **12** And they 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 most grievous of all famines, a famine of the Words of God; a time in which no prophet should appear, no spiritual counselor, no faithful re-prover, none any longer who would point out the way of salvation, or would assure them of the mercy of God on their repentance and return to him. This is the severest of all things to happen on the earth.

Was Amos 8 prophecy fulfilled? Yes, when Israel was wiped off the map, there was no prophet, no spiritual counselor, no faithful reprover, but a scattered, wandering people displaced of their nation.

This nation has repeated many of the same failures as Israel's past, therefore, this prophecy could also apply to

us in this nation.

Each of God's children need to be that drop of rain to replenish this nation or face the most severe drought in which we have never known.

If you are a pray-er...pray, a server...serve, a witness...bear testimony, a helper...help etc. Stop thinking because you are a drop of rain you do not matter. Matter defined is anything that takes up space and has weight. We need to use the space and weight we have to matter for the sake of the Gospel.

This nation needs the reign of fools!



## Running The World From Prison

It is interesting to read of the prisoners who are still running lucrative business from their cells. In realizing this I remembered that Satan pretty much declared the same thing: **Isa 14:13-15** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. **15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Verse 15 says that the place

from which Satan is running things is a pit or prison. Satan is calling the shots from a jail cell. The sentence was passed over 2,000 years prior.

The only power Satan has is what we allow, fearing, believing or crediting this defeated, incarcerated foe. Satan runs things by fear, lust, greed and blackmailing willing prey through trickery. It is a campaign of smoke and mirrors, lies and corruption.

We do not have to make ourselves cellmates in bondage

to the dictates of a defeated prisoner. Every prisoner is in bondage by the bad choices made, and Satan is no exception.

How is it that Christians, who know that Satan is defeated and in prison, can fall for this bullying torment?

We actually hold the key to any cell the enemy might invite us in to share. Yet, instead many Christians hide their secrets for fear and shame. They work so hard to hide and cover it over rather than the work of correction.

The person who stands boldly and confesses their failings or sins is to be admired by all those silent sufferers, yet they remain mute. Why? The simple fact is this: we are scared of a powerless, limited, confined prisoner that can do nothing except bluff us out of victorious living.

One thing about God's children is that often we can be really dumb.



## What Praying People Know... VS

There are some things people **who spend time in prayer** know for sure:

- ◇ All prayers are heard by God and answered
- ◇ What we do not see happening does not mean that something is not happening
- ◇ We know better than to answer the prayers ourselves through impatience
- ◇ God does not need our help; He needs our ear
- ◇ We know un-forgiveness is not an option
- ◇ We know doublemindedness, likewise, is not an option
- ◇ We do not shrink at change that looks adverse to the goal of our prayer
- ◇ We know how to leave the answer in the right hands...let go, let God
- ◇ We know that we are not the power, but that we have the power (very different)
- ◇ We direct our prayer to God letting Him direct the answer
- ◇ We know that our daily conversation and prayer need to agree
- ◇ We know how to thank God before we see the fruit of our labor
- ◇ Know better than to tell God or His Holy Spirit how to do their job
- ◇ In praying for others, we know that we can lead a horse to water but we cannot make it drink
- ◇ We know in every situation that we see through the glass darkly and must rely on God's Spirit for the right solution even if it looks backwards to us

These are things that people spending time in prayer have learned, and it serves us well for the learning process. I know where I end and God begins.

A good example of prayer is like solving a Rubik's cube. I have never solved the Rubik's cube. I may only be able to solve one side but then have to unsolved it to get the other side to work. Like the Rubik's cube our personal prayer usually involves

more than just one side but touches other lives and their choices, especially when our prayers involve others. For example, if one is praying for a job, there is a process involving other people making decisions to hire you over someone else who is possibly praying too. To think God can puppeteer everyone by mesmerizing them, otherwise, that God said no or did not answer your prayer.

What about your team winning the tournament? Let's just imagine that the same amount of strength in prayer is being prayed by both teams. All the players are God's children whether or not they know it. Does God puppeteer the outcome or do you suppose He allows each player to play his/her best potential for the outcome? Prayers know that God is not a Sears catalog in which we phone in our order.

How does one talk to God except through prayer? How does one hear from God unless they listen in prayer. Prayer is both talking and listening. Some people do not let God get a word in edgewise, which is ridiculous since He is the one with the answers.

In the book of Judges chapter 20, you find out how not to pray. The children of God spent no time seeking God for answers. They made up their minds what they wanted to do and cast a "lot" to decide who should be on the front lines of a war **they planned** to fight. Of course, the "lot interpreter" was the voice of God in that case. Israel often used the LOT to decide matters believing God was manipulating the roll of the dice, so to speak, and what came up. (God is not a crapshoot!) They used the LOT also when there was no prophet, meaning man of God, in Israel. However, what the LOT revealed was the opposite of the victory they assumed. The Scripture reveals the mystery of their misguided prayers at the end: **Judg 21:25 In those days there was no king (leader of God) in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.** Likewise, many pray what seems right in

their own eyes subjectively without considering some obstacles that need our attention, for example: **Ps 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:**

**Iniquity:** 'âven-unjust, unrighteous, vain, vanity

**Hear:** shâma' consent, consider, declare

Vain prayers are not considered by God. This is one of the commandments: **Ex 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain...**

**We do not take the name of God to no effect as useless.** If we are praying to a useless god, we expect nothing because our prayers are in vain. We may as well wish on a rabbit's foot or four leaf clover.

A director directs actors to perform a certain way; pray-ers do not direct prayers to perform in certain ways. We give our petitions to God who sees how best to perform the changes, which sometimes is in us first and then to the request.

Many times **we** are the most important change that must first be made for the next part of the answer to manifest. People unwilling to change will not see the completion of the answer, yet it was not God stopping the metamorphosis. Remember, it is not the worm that can fly without changing first.

There are times our prayers seem delayed by the enemy in hopes that we will give up or become under the delusion that our prayer is not answered...case in point: **Job 3:26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.** Odd comment, since Satan's complaint was: **Job 1:10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.** Satan had to torment fearful thinking into Job's mind for him to believe that he

was vulnerable. Job's hedge of protection withstood the enemy until Job's fear made an opening.

Another good example is in **Dan 10:12 Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.**

If you keep reading, you see that the enemy held up the prayer in hopes that, like Job, Daniel's faith would fail, but we can see by the underlined Scripture that Daniel prepared his heart before hand.

I remember a time our truck broke down on a country road. We were young and living from paycheck to paycheck, so the truck sat broken at the side of the road. By-and-by a note appeared saying if we did not remove the truck it would be impounded. We had prayed but came to an impasse. It was then that a call came from a friend who confessed that God had impressed him to fix our truck. He dragged his feet because he did not want to do it. He found no rest until he finally agreed. God had been on it from the beginning even though we did not know it.

Prayer is not God playing, "Eeeny, meeny, miney, moe, I choose this one and no mo'e!" God hastens His Word to perform it. If we are in line with His Word, we have the right to stand having done all there is to do, then let God figure out the rest. Be open to change if the answer requires it. Have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying.

If in all this you can say, "But I just don't understand", then pay attention to your own words...**YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND.** What we do not understand does not change God's Word or promises...we just do not get it, but if we are willing to learn, one day we might get a clue that will open the doors that had once been closed. 

## The Mystery Of “THEY”?

Who are THEY that say? My definition is THEY are a collaborated effort of unnamed and unverified sources having no real identity THEY are willing to claim.

THEY are the ones who said the flood would never come because it took 120 years to get here, but the evidence shows that a flood did come.

THEY said Israel would never become a country again, but it happened in 1948. THEY said, “Yeah, but they don’t have

Jerusalem,” which happened in 1967.

THEY said the Messiah would never come, but the first time He came born of a virgin in a lowly stable while THEY slept. THEY now say that He is never coming back, but THEY have been wrong about everything so far, and with their track record why would we believe THEY?

Do you know why I put my name on my paper? I take responsibility for what I write,

whether anyone else agrees with it. THEY that say, never have their name on anything because THEY have no real understanding of the Word, so THEY go unnamed for fear of taking embarrassing credit for their vomitus attitudes.

THEY do not really want to work at finding Truth when it is easier to guess without effort. Anyone can use the term THEY, for where can an actual finger be pointed? Who is the spokesperson for THEY, except the other unlearned re-

peaters referencing THEY.

A theory is plausible phenomena that THEY cannot produce. There is a test of time that the Word of God has materialized, whether explainable or supernatural and unexplainable.

One day there will be a very loud trumpet sound, and the dead in Christ will rise, and we who are alive will be caught up with them in the clouds, while THEY scratch their heads and wonder what THEY can say now!!

## Serenity Now

The Serenity prayer has become my favorite prayer this past year because I have gained so much meaning in its content.

*“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.”*

I have learned the things I cannot change: 1. God’s Word to suit my desires, 2. a person’s mind, 3. or much of anything other than me, myself and I.

Me, myself and I require my courage to admit my flaws and the strength of character to change by breaking old habits, appetites and thinking by replacing them with new healthier habits, appetites and thinking. It is wisdom to know where I end and another begins, as well as knowing where I end and God begins.

It takes serenity to accept that we cannot control situations or the people around us. It is easi-

er to tell the wind to be still, in Jesus name, and that is the Truth!

I pray for other people, yet I cannot be upset or disappointed with their choices or actions because where I end is prayer, and where another begins is their choice. I have to allow people’s choices the same way they must allow mine. I do not have to agree with everyone. I make my agreement in the Word of God and leave my peace there.

There is such peace in only looking after myself as far as changing what needs changed and fixing what needs fixed.

Though Jesus called His disciples Fishers of Men, He did not mean that we were responsible for cleaning them too.

I believe if I can become the best me, myself and I, it gives the best example of Christ on earth for others to follow. After all, God wrapped Himself in Jesus and Jesus wraps Himself in us.

## At The Water’s Edge

The children of Israel found themselves at the water’s edge with the Pharaoh’s army in hot pursuit. We know how the story ended because the annals of history in Exodus tell it.

What history does not say is the choice each one had. For God’s children the choice was to trust that the water would stay back. The miracle of the water parting should have declared that God was God as well as the safety they had throughout all the plagues, yet they each made their choice.

It was not only the Jews who chose to leave Egypt but also many Egyptians who had believed in the God of the Jews through the plagues.

Then we have the army of men who had also seen the power of Moses’ God. They also had a choice. Will the God who had saved the Jews from the plagues allow them to pursue His children through this parted water?

Do you see that life and death is decided at the water’s edge? For some life is to step for-

ward, while for others it is to step aside. Every decision we make is at the water’s edge whether financial or directional etc.

Safety is in the hands of God who sees the beginning from the end in a future that we can only see in front of our nose now.

Since God put us here with a divine purpose, would it not serve us best to have intimacy with the God of the universe who had a plan from the beginning and who holds the answer

to our prosperity as well as our safety?

There is a lot tucked in the little word salvation: Hebrew-*yeshu’āh*—(Jesus) *deliverance*; hence *aid, victory, prosperity*: -*deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health), welfare.*

Salvation is not just an insurance policy that goes into effect upon our death, but as you see, it is the assurance policy of our necessity for living here and now...beyond the water’s edge.

## Firing The God Of Our Youth

I heard a woman once say she fired the god of her youth. She said that in meaning the religion of her youth painted a harsh God of punishment; one that hit you upside your head and pulled the rug out from under you. She always felt condemnation from this god until she realized who her God really was. He was the one who left His home to come to earth and take her punishment. A God who loved her...mistakes and all. A God who believed in her and chal-

lenged her to be the best she could be, yet even in her worst He never abandoned her. He took her beating and the chastisement of her peace He carried. Jesus gave her everything He had. Her name was in His Will and Testament, and she was the beneficiary of it all. That was what He bequeathed her on earth, but then, gave her an eternal place forever and ever without end to enjoy when she was finished with the earth. How many people today need to fire the god of youthful imagin-

ings? The god we could never measure up to be like or even receive. The god that if you did not do this, He would not do that. The god that expected everything but gave nothing. Where did we get this god of our youth? He came in many different venues, but the root of his false concept came in one chapter revealing the false identity:  
**Isa 14:12-14** *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst*

*weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

Maybe it is high time we discover the God of all grace and mercy whose very name is LOVE and fire the other one.

## Sleepers And Scoffers

A little town in Bethlehem went to sleep one night and awoke like any other morning. They got ready for their work day as always. A day went into a week and a week into a month and a month into year and a year into years...all without seeing what had been birthed that night. *(And God's children prayed for their Messiah to come at every time of prayer.)*

There was a king named Herod who so feared that his kingdom would be stolen from him that he even executed his own sons, which prompted the saying, "Better to be one of Herod's pigs than one of his sons." He heard of a king being born by some men from the East and went into a fearful frenzy enough to order the slaughter of babies from two year under. *(God's children cried, "When O God will you send a deliverer?")*

It was tax time for families to travel to their ancestral towns to pay. One boy, staying behind His parent's trek back, asking provocative questions in the temple of such profundity that Biblical scholars scratched their heads, until

His parents came to gather him up and take him back home. *(And God's children prayed for their Messiah to come forth to save them.)*

A young man works in his dad's wood shop perfecting His craft, while on the outskirts a wilderness man is calling sinners to repent and dunking them in water. *(And people are praying for their Messiah to come.)*

What is it that some wise men, a handful of shepherds, a couple of intercessors in the temple and possibly some servants that helped at a wedding feast suspect that no one else is aware of? *(That the Messiah was at their very door at the time they least suspected.)*

God is working whether we see it or not. Every piece of the prophetic puzzle is coming into view.

There are still wise men and women seeing the signs in the heavens, *while the scoffers scoff.*

Just as shepherds went to their jobs, so likewise are men and women working at theirs but seeing the signs of Jesus' return, *while the scoffers scoff.*

The world's kings, like Herod do

not like another King taking their kingdoms of government or finance so they crucify Christians in the press or take away their rights as citizens, yet God's servants continue to serve knowing that what they do not see with their eyes means nothing because they believe...and scoffers scoff.

As a matter of fact, when you think about it...scoffers have their own part in end times...right?

**Acts 13:40-41** *Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you: 41 "Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you."*

**2 Peter 3:3-7** *First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also*

*the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.*

**Jude 17-21** *They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." 19 These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. 20 But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. 21 Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.*

So, just a note to the scoffers and the "They Sayers", who spout that Jesus is always coming in every generation and never does: Put your head between your legs and kiss your butt goodbye.

