



TRUMPET SOUNDS

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TRICK OR TREAT

There are many who scheme, connive, plot and deceive as they travel down life's road. They do this in order to try to benefit and better themselves. Instead of trusting the Lord for His best, they try to work things out their way. Often they want what is good like: happiness, security, freedom, a bright future, a good marriage etc., but they try to obtain what is good in the wrong way. Christians are not actually trying to be sinfully deceptive, yet just a little maneuver in the direction that benefits either themselves or helping benefit a friend or loved one.

We read the consequences of tricks in the Bible. The Adams were tricked of the serpent, and we are living out the consequences to this very day.

Jacob tricked Esau twice to gain an inheritance that God was already giving him before his own efforts of trickery.

Sarai maneuvered the outcome of an entire nation through her handmaiden, which would be a conflict for all generations to the end of time, as we see between Israel and Islamic nations.

The trick Ham pulled on his father Noah received servanthood for him and all his descendants.

Lot's eyes tricked him when he let them chart his course into seeing Sodom and Gomorra as a beautiful, green, prosperous land. Lot called

dibs in order to obtain what he assumed a greater inheritance for his family. That land that looked good on the outside was full of iniquity and death on the inside, and had he sought God he would have known it.

Many are the tricks of deception we read in the Scriptures, which witness the horrendous outcomes. However, with the tricks we also read of the treats, which are the blessings to those who follow God in obedience rather than maneuvering an outcome. Man does not have a better idea than a God driven plan charting our course before we were born. That course is the road of destiny. Destiny is a prosperous road if we stick to the charted, Master's plan. Off-course is paved with detours, pit falls and obstacles. In other words, there is no shortcut to destiny...no

quicker path for the impatient. Impatience is a successful tool of the enemy to get us into a quick purpose and fast gain. It is a TRICK we buy into with an outcome that may take years to remedy. Impatience defines its intent as: eager to do something immediately and unwilling to wait, yet we know the blessing of the WAIT: ***Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.***

Waiting is not a negative but a wise response, and if Jacob were here today, he would tell us that a trickster is always the one who is tricked!

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LEARN THE TWO STEP

Stores and companies generously match dollar for dollar when a good cause comes forward. God is very much the same in matching faith for faith. He asks us to believe in Him and with that same measure He believes in us. He encourages us to step out in faith no matter what the circumstance, and He steps forward with us. The faith

that we give He matches with His own.

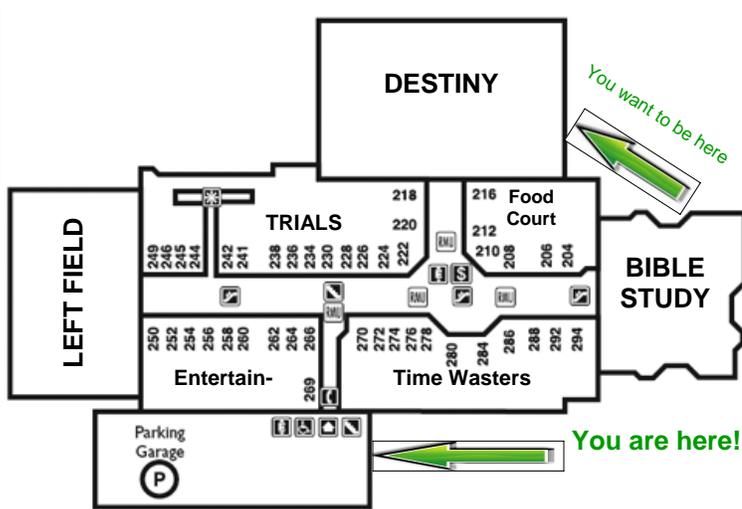
I had not realized this until this Scripture came to mind: ***Mark 9:24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.***

Jesus rebuked the spirit and the boy was healed. That man said,

"I believe...help my unbelief" He stepped forward with some belief however small it was, and Jesus matched it with His.

We can also look at Peter. He had a large enough faith to step out of the boat and walk upon the water but the waves proved stronger until Jesus faith lent a hand. [Continued p. 4]

NAVIGATING TO DESTINY



Where are you right now? That was not simply an opening question...think about that a moment. If you are reading this you are parked...**YOU ARE HERE.**

The next question is where are you going? You may be heading for destiny but are distracted in the places of entertainment and time wasters. You have to put on blinders and be determined to get into Bible study and prayer. If you start window shopping, even if you do not plan on going in, you find yourself in trials without realizing how you got there. The Bible is

our map giving us the direction of where we should be. Too many Christians get busy in so many directions that their destiny gets hazy and muddled. Time is spent in little snippets, which are the fillers of life yet fulfill nothing much.

Have you ever gotten so side-tracked at the mall that you got things you had not planned and forgot the item you went to get in the first place? That should not happen with our destiny and call.

Get back to the map, which is the Word of God and your direction will be sure.

RECYCLING COUNTS



Our words are recyclable whether you are conscious of it or not. Recycling means: reusing by saving for reprocessing into something tangible.

There are three aspects of recycling words:

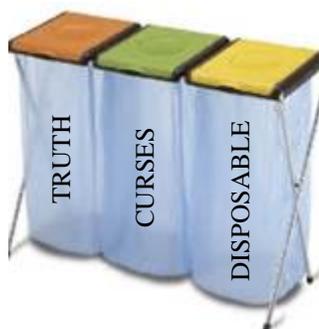
1. Positive+Truth+Blessing= Life
2. Negative+Complaint+Curse= Death
3. Disposable= Non accountable

Prov 18:21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

Our words are recycling either life or death everyday without much consideration.

Picture it as if in bins:

Recyclable Word Bins



If you notice in the Scripture, it states that we will eat the fruit of our lips. In other words, our words are recycled back to us in something tangible.

We are either speaking the things in agreement by the direction of the Word of God giving God glory, or we are speaking negative curses giving Satan glory. The disposable words are things like: "What do you want for dinner?" "I'm headed to the store; is there anything you need?" "It's time to get up." "Timmy, take the dog outside, please." We use them quickly and they are finished and as disposable as paper plates.

Just as our words are invisible so are the bins collecting them, but the recycling of them will manifest the tangible or visible back to us. This is either a blessed boomerang or a cursed one.

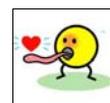
Is it any wonder that the Word instructs us not to provoke our children (Col 3:21), since we could provoke a negative response and one which would recycle back to them as well as us?

God made us speaking spirits generating and manifesting our words like Him. We are in His image. He called forth light and it was. We may not have the degree of God's speaking but still they do produce. God saw that man could not control his words well in the world so He confounded our language at Babel, which tempered our words down. He did this for our sake, since our imagina-

tions speak, and our tongue **setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. James 3:6** The word **nature** in that Scripture is the Greek word: γένεσις, genesis meaning nativity or birthing. Our tongue (words) set on fire the course of genesis, nativity, birthing!

We are pregnant of thought. Thoughts do not stay sedentary but are usually spoken causing birth. This is why Satan plants negative thoughts in our minds knowing the process of recycling our thoughts into spoken words and tangible birth. Our negative words are but praise to the enemy's ears and a recycling of death to the speaker.

Since our words slip by unnoticed, maybe we should start placing what we say into bins. Take two jars and some slips of paper. All negative things spoken, put into one jar marked curses. Repeat the same thing for the Truth or blessings' jar. Start being conscious of what you are saying. At each day's end see how you have reaped. This might also answer some questions about what attacks you may have been under. After a while you will not need the exercise, since hopefully you will have retrained your tongue in a life giving direction.



STANDING IN THE GAP OR PRISONER OF THE ABYSS

I got a call from my friend and faithful prayer partner Bev, who told me of a vision she saw early Saturday morning during her quiet time with the Lord. She was standing in the gap alone praying when, in the heavens to the right, she saw the forces of God's troops waiting for a command; to the left she saw the forces of darkness waiting for a command or slip of the tongue i.e. an idle word spoken that would give them a reason to charge with attack.

Now let me explain standing in the gap to give you a clearer picture. The gap is standing between you and a situation or person for which one is praying. It is not the time span of one prayer but the days, weeks or months of that burden until the time of achieving an outcome of victory. God's forces are standing vigilant as long as the operation takes, but will not move without a command. Just as in the game of chess, the opponent may block a move if given permission by our idle words which brings the negative, dark forces in. The enemy blockades make it seem longer to achieving an answer, yet the troops of God were ready from the start of the prayer.

Fear strengthens the enemy forces and faith will equip the mighty armies of God for battling against the enemy.

We know of these invisible battles from the experience of Daniel: **Dan 10:12-14** *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. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.*

Daniel had no idea that there was a war going on in the heavens over his petition. He probably wondered like many today where God was or if God was even listening. God commissions His troops immediately to stand ready. Satan is no meager bystander to be sure, but willing and ready to challenge every answer with a block.

Michael is the only archangel mentioned in the Bible and his duty is to fight for God's people...That is pretty much the whole of his job. **Dan 12:1** *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which*

standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

"That time" is talking about the last of days or from the time of Jesus to the end of time on this earth. Michael has charge of the troops just under God's command. We cannot pray to Michael because he moves by command of the Lord in whose name we pray.

From God's entire creation He made mankind speaking spirits. No other creatures have an audible language. They merely have sound signals yet not the ability to speak or command. Man's words take dominion on this earth for either good or evil.

The Kingdom of God is within us, and it suffers violence but the violent take it by hoping? Take it by wishing? Take it by being good? Take it by going to church on Sunday? **THE VIOLENT TAKE IT BY FORCE!**

Not every prayer is challenged, but most seem to be thwarted by the enemy. This is a STAND YOUR GROUND episode if ever there was. If your tongue starts to walk backward from the promise, it is no longer the gap in which one stands but the abyss of the enemy.

If you can relate to starting out in the gap yet turned into being a prisoner of the abyss, there is a way of escape still. Paul and Silas found themselves as prisoners: **Acts 16:23-26** *And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.*

The Scriptures do not tell how long they prayed and sang, but we do know that Godly troops made it into that cell and loosed their bonds.

The next time you pray, remember that the forces of God are standing by waiting for a command to begin their descent with the answer. Keep your tongue pointed to the promises of God and away from the comments of fear and defeat. Mark your prayers as having already embraced the answer instead of continuing to wait for one, and quit pleading the same case but begin to give prayers of thanksgiving and sing songs of praise. You will remember that Paul and Silas did not keep asking for deliverance but praised and thanked God for it.

Notice also **when** we received our healing: **1 Peter 2:24** *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

That Scripture does not say by whose stripes we can be healed, but it states that we were healed, and if we were, then I am healed. You and I are not waiting for Jesus to again face the whip to secure our healing...it is accomplished. So, my friend, where are you standing? Are you standing in the gap or a prisoner of the abyss?

Picture yourself armored and your tongue a ready archer pointing its arrows to the enemy's defeat with the praises that God inhabits. We will either sing the melodies of victory or the maladies of defeat. One or the other will strengthen the forces for our good or our ill. Make your tongue a sure arrow and your feet a sure stand. Embrace victory whether or not you can see, taste or touch it yet. Expect it, sing your praises of having received it. Make a good stand in the gap with unbeatable faith. Amen? I did not hear you. I said, AMEN?



REGARDING HENRY

While praying with a friend, she shared about someone named Henry who was an absolute mess from her description. Funny, she usually prayed about the unrepentant with such compassion and generous love, but I sensed none for poor ol' Henry. This is how I came to take up the cause of poor Henry.

From what I had gathered he was aggressive and all around annoying with a short life span, according to my friend, if his ways were not mended. Along with being quite unbearable he was also unloved, which is grievous to imagine of anyone. Never having met Henry, I did my best in prayer. Now and then was the mention of poor ol' Henry, and I got quite concerned about the lack of compas-

sion usually found in my friend, but I persevered in prayer for this outcast.

Then one day while praying with my friend, she stopped and yelled at Henry. Now, I know all her family members, and there is not one Henry in the bunch. She ended with, "Henry, you're headed for the pot!" That is when it finally dawned on me that Henry was the obnoxious rooster on her property!

Well, Henry received no more prayers from that moment on, and the next day he was a dead bird. When I think that only my prayers were saving that stupid bird, it taught me that God regards our prayers even if they are directed at a dumb bird, but when they stopped

that bird was as good as dead. I do not know the whole story of Henry's demise as of this writing, but I did gain insight: It does not matter how unrepentant a person may seem; keep up the prayers because God will honor even the worst of the worse if prayer prevails. If God regarded my prayers for a silly bird like Henry, just think what He is willing to do for His children!



LEARN THE TWO STEP [CONTINUED]

Have you ever been nudged by the Spirit to give something when you may not have had two sticks to rub together? That was all the widow had when Elijah asked for bread. The widow had been nudged by the Spirit before Elijah showed up, but all she had was one handful of meal, a little oil and two sticks on which to cook it. Her faith said yes even when she did not see the blessing of food in advance but only the meager amount she possessed. Notice she did not wait for multiplication before she stepped out in faith. She took the little amount with her faith and gave

it...blessing unseen. God stepped in and matched her faith with His, and her barrel and oil never ceased until the rain and harvest.

God nudges us in many areas of our life to take the first step. He will always match our step with His, and His feet are much larger than ours! Without the first step we take there is no step two.

Learning the two step is a dance of prosperity to the believer and a testament to our Glorious God who never fails us.

Remember 2 Kings 7:3-4...**Why sit we here until we die? If we**

say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

They took the first step and God with His step gave them the enemy's camp and all their booty. Whoever thought that four dying leprous men could win the lottery back then, but they did!

Learning the two step is not as

difficult as it may seem. The difficulty is only in our minds. God is our rear reward or rear guard in Is 58:8. That means His hand is on your back to steer your steps in the dance of prosperity. Lean against His hand and allow Him to lead you through. Better still put your feet upon His, and like a child He will guide you.



THE FORM OF ANGELS

Angels of the Old Testament are under the word mal'āk meaning to *despatch* as a deputy; a *messenger*; specifically of God, that is, an *angel*, prophet, priest or teacher, ambassador, messenger.

Angels of the New Testament is the word *aggelos* a *messenger*; especially an "*angel*"; or a *pastor*, messenger.

Angels are in three main forms:

1. Ethereal-invisible-non physical as Gabriel or Michael
2. Astrals-visible-physical as Nephilim giants from the heavens Gen 6
3. Earthly-visible-physical as prophet, priest, pastor, teacher, messenger

Gabriel gave a word of the Lord to Mary; Prophets give words of the Lord to nations, churches or individuals. Priests, prophets, pastors and teachers (as well as any witness of Christ) deliver messages of the Lord. There are also angels of Satan as we see in the Nephilim giants who came from the heavens and bred with humans. All of the above whether good or evil come under the heading of angels.

Back in August an "angel" appeared and prayed for a young lady being rescued from her car after an accident. He was there one moment and gone the next. People believed it could have been an angel. When they found out that the identity of this angel was really just an ordinary human...a priest, they discounted him as an angel. I BEG TO DIFFER!

FIRSTFRUITS RAPTURE

Like many, it is thrilling to think of ascending up through the clouds at mach speed and being changed in the twinkling of an eye. The further we move into what **was** called the future, the more we tend to think of an any day lift off. I believe in a firstfruits rapture, however I do not believe it in the same way as many. I want to present something for you to consider, and if I am wrong, and I am in an early rapture by surprise...who am I to argue the point other than to shout HALLELUIA and GLORY TO GOD!!! It would give me no pleasure to be correct. I am preparing for the long haul yet hoping to be nicely surprised. This to me is better than not preparing and being horribly surprised. Amen? So let me just present my case to you.

God gave us his order of the resurrection of the dead through Paul, saying, **"Christ the Firstfruits, and afterward they that are Christ's at his coming!"** Again, Paul said, **"But now is Christ risen and become (not going to be) the Firstfruits of them that slept!" 1 Co 15:20.**

Here is the question: Who were the Firstfruits who slept? To find this we look in Matt 27:52-53 which says, **"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.**

The word for "many" is *polos polos* meaning *much* (in any respect) or (plural) *many; largely*: - abundant, great, plenteous, sore. A sore amount would be an exceeding amount not a piddling few. This is an amazing account of a mass number of graves disturbed by the earthquake, yet upon Jesus resurrection these who slept came out of their graves and witnessed in Jerusalem. Like Jesus they had not yet ascended and appeared to many. I believe that they ascended after Christ into their Glory since it is given man only once to die, which for them had already happened.

What I am saying is that you and I are not those who slept. We are still very much alive and when those who slept come back with Christ at the last trump we will go to meet them in the air. We are those who will meet Him at His coming. **Jude 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints...**

That Scripture does not read ten thousand but ten thousands which is *urias* meaning a "myriad" or indefinite number!!! This could be, for example, 144,000 just to pull out a number. These are the Firstfruits who, not only resurrected but **were** raptured. **1 Cor 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**

Every man in his order:

1. Christ + Firstfruits (plural) or those who slept, who resurrected after His resurrection and ascended after His ascension.
2. Those who belong to Christ at His coming or those of us still alive at the last trump will rise to meet Him in the air. **1 Thess 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump**

(trumpet) of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The world has, for the first time in history, heard what is now being called "sky trumpets", which sound like a blast from a shofar (trumpet) coming from the sky. The word for trumpet sometimes used as the word trump is *Salpigx* (through the idea of *quavering* or *reverberation*); a *trumpet*: - trump (-et). The description in its definition is exactly what is felt and heard in these the "sky trumpets" being heralded around the world.

When God talks about the angels sounding the trumpets of warning in Revelation, I somehow thought that this was speaking figuratively not literally! I do not know at which trump we are, but I do know the trumpet is to the lips and have already been heard!

I cannot say it enough: PREPARE, PREPARE, PREPARE! Prepare spiritually by having an ear for the Holy Spirit of God to lead you. If you have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying then you will know how to move in preparation for the events to follow. Noah was impressed to build an ark. Lot was impressed to leave Sodom. Rahab was impressed to tie up a scarlet ribbon. This list goes on, suffice it to say these followed that inner voice and were saved.

I will tell you that looking at past disasters of weather, drought, famine, tsunami, earthquake or hurricane etc. food and water supplies were in greatest demand. So regardless of the future events, food and water are critical for survival. Other than that, only the direction lead by the Spirit of God can give you the specifics for you personally in the town and country in which you live.

Christians in many places of hard-line Islamic regimes are being tortured and killed...eliminated. You cannot preach to them about a rapture from their persecutions since they are suffering them now. It is much like the holocaust for the Jews during WWII only this time it includes Christians. American Christians only see Scriptures in the light of America and not Christianity in the broader sense of the entire world of nations.

America, which in the past recognized Israel as a friend and ally, now has a more sympathetic move in the Muslim direction, while putting a more oppressive hold against Christian organizations. America once stood up against oppression may now be joining her ranks. We know that now we have Al-Jazeera America, which is news giving the "truth" in a Muslim slant. My question is this...Will our country be known as Al-Jazeera America instead of the United States of America? This will not come from the good people who love God and country, but those who want a more secular nation and a better fit in the new world order.

We can close our eyes and click those ruby red slippers while chanting "there's no place like home....There's no place like home," but it does not change the new world order already moving forward.

Let me repeat an earlier statement: I am preparing for the long haul yet hoping to be nicely surprised. If you are a "pre-trib rapturist" who is unprepared, you are actually ready for neither the early rapture nor the long haul. Preparing for the long haul is a win, win situation.