

Title: Trumpets of Truth

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Well, this morning I have entitled the sermon, "Trumpets of Truth." This is actually the weekend of the completion of the Feast of Trumpets. God has a true word for us to receive today. I am really excited. Say, "I am a trumpet of truth." You did not know that, but you are. We love how Jesus came. We love how the Father loved us. We love how the Father of glory chose to give Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, to save us. We just love how the Father chose to redeem us all. We love how He has chosen to come and take the sin that we were born in to the cross, and kill it there, in order to give us life and life abundantly. We are so grateful for our great salvation. This salvation is not only eternal life, getting to live forever, but great forgiveness of our sins now and for all eternity. This great salvation is for healing, prosperity, wholeness, nothing missing, nothing broken, and peace that surpasses our understanding for now and for eternity. God is physical and tangible. He is desiring to save, heal and deliver to the uttermost.

This is the Gospel of the Kingdom that we stand boldly in. Great Holy Spirit is the One that imparts the truth of the Word of God. Holy Spirit is the One who is God, and He entrusts the word to us. He imparts to us, He guides us, and leads us into all truth. We are going to talk about that today. He literally heralds from Heaven, the glorious Gospel. In the book of Revelations, we see there are angels that will be covering the Earth in proclamations of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and giving Him all the glory, honor and praise. God desires that none would perish, but that all would come to repentance. This is a marvelous truth, and today we are going to talk about aspects of His truth. We have received a great salvation. Just like we do not want to take for granted rain we get, we do not want to take for granted our great salvation. Every day the believers should be the most joy filled, thankful, happy people on the planet, because we have been saved from above. We have an inheritance that endures forever in Christ. Hallelujah. We should be the most joyful people. We have hope. We are called to give hope to others.

Psalm 17:15 CSB

"But I will see your face in righteousness; when I awake, I will be satisfied with your presence or likeness." "I will see your face," God. When I awake in righteousness and glory with you, I will see the face of righteousness. I will see the face of God. Not only that, "I am going to be satisfied in your presence." I am going to be satisfied with your likeness. Because, here is the glory of the gospel, He is transforming us into the same image, from glory to glory, from faith to faith. It is "Christ in us, the hope of glory." We are literally being transformed into the image and likeness of our Heavenly Father. This was written before the cross. Yet, by the same Spirit. There was a desire in the heart of the man of God in seeking God and knowing that there is a great resurrection. That there is hope and purpose beyond today. "I will see your face in righteousness. When I wake, I will be satisfied with your presence." In your likeness, I am satisfied. You know, there is a lot of dissatisfaction in the world. People are dissatisfied, because they have not found the truth yet. They are going from thing to thing to thing, trying to find peace. Trying to find something to love them, and fill a void in their soul or hearts. But, Jesus is the answer. Yes, He is the answer.

Psalm 119:105 NKJV

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Now this entire Psalm, if you want to read it at home for fun, is all about the word of God. All of Psalms 119 is about the word of God. Some of you have heard this psalm even sung in songs. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light into my path," but it is a living, breathing reality of truth. God's Word is truth.

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There is nothing above God's word. God's Word is true. He is not a man that He should lie. Okay, God is truth. How I start this message is, He has called us His "trumpets of truth." We have to know and believe that we are being made into His likeness daily. We have to treasure His presence. We have to keep His word in our hearts, in our mouth, in our minds, before our eyes and stay on the path of truth. We all know this.

John 17:17

Jesus said these words over His people that follow Him. "Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth. Sanctify them by your truth." He is praying to His Father, that He would make us holy, set apart, and precious for Him. "Sanctify them by your truth." Not by our works, not by our own righteousness, but by His righteousness and by His word. "Your word is truth." Jesus affirms this. Jesus is the Word of God made manifest. Jesus, the Word, is sanctifying us every single day. We know that when we awake, we are satisfied with His presence and His likeness. We are being transformed moment by moment, day by day into the Lord's likeness, presence and image as sons and daughters of God. He calls us ambassadors. He calls us children of the Most High. He calls us born again ones and sanctified ones. He justifies us, redeems us, makes us holy, gives us His Spirit, imparts to us His nature, and His character.

It says in Galatians, that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, self control, and faithfulness." This is amazing that God Almighty would put His spirit and His truth inside of us while we are still seeking Him, morning by morning looking for His face. "When I wake up, I am satisfied," because I know that your love towards me is abounding. You do not wake up morning by morning to the voice of condemnation from Jesus. Condemnation is the devil's work. We wake up clean and pure because of the blood of Jesus, and we hear our Father. We hear our Father speaking truth over us. Sanctify them by your truth. Set them apart. Make them holy. Make them holy, by your truth. Your word is truth.

John 14:16-17 NKJV

The Spirit of Truth, you will know Him. He will dwell with you. He will be in you. We just have to keep reminding ourselves. You are not just an empty vessel. You are not just another human being walking around on the planet, void and null of hope. You are born again from above. You have the Spirit of the Living God living inside of you, the Spirit of truth. Isn't this amazing? We are undergirding His truth.

John 15:26-27

To His disciples, He is saying, the Holy Spirit, the Helper, is coming. The Spirit of truth comes from the Father, and His job is to testify of Jesus. The Holy Spirit's job is to reveal Jesus to us every day. Every day, so that when we awake, we are satisfied with His presence. He sanctifies us. He the one that brings conviction. You know when you are off. You know when you are in sin. You know when you are in the flesh. You know when you are just missing it. You can feel that tug. We do not always listen to the tug. But, you can feel it. Even as a little one, we knew when we were out of line, correct? We were all little ones, okay? We understand it. Thank God for Holy Spirit.

John 16:13-15

What an amazing truth that God would reveal to us His Word, His heart, His mind, His ways, and His emotions. He revealed to us His plan. He revealed to us His Son, and He would use His own Holy Spirit, who is God, and open our understanding, wisdom, revelation and the knowledge of God. He imparted to us His nature. Okay, this is beyond the acts of God. I am talking about the likeness of God, the essence of God and who He is. That takes you from mean to nice, from greedy to giving, from sick to healed, from in bondage to free, from torment to peace, and to give us righteousness from Heaven that we never deserved.

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Then He turns around and makes us “trumpets of truth.” It is a feast of trumpets. It is a feasting and a celebration of God's goodness, His work, and His faithfulness, from one generation to the next, until we see Him face to face. I am pretty sure there is going to be a loud trumpet blast when Jesus comes again. That is in your Bible, the word of the Lord is prevailing and being made known.

John 14:6

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.” We know that there is only one way to the Father, and no other way but through Jesus Christ. Believing that He the Son of God. Believing that He was crucified on the cross for us, and He took our sin. He paid the fullness of all iniquity in our lives, when He died. He was buried three days in the tomb, and God raised Him from the dead three days later for real in the flesh. He stayed here for many days walking and talking with them, before He ascended back to Heaven.

He is coming again, the same way He went. This is the Gospel of the Kingdom. He says, “I am the way, I am the truth, I am the light. Oh, God open their eyes that they may see. No one can come to you Father, except through me.” You hear it? What is so glorious is that we are waking up, morning by morning, satisfied with His presence and likeness. You cannot boast in yourself. You can only boast in Him. This is a battle cry. A sound from the heart of Holy Spirit, right now. He is saying, “Holiness, now.” I have been speaking on holiness for months, undergirding and supporting the word of the Lord, that He been speaking.

Yes, the Spirit of holiness is the Holy Spirit, the One we have been reading about, that is bringing truth and revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ to each and every one of us. He is the one bringing it. He cuts through error. He cuts through unbelief. He cuts through doubt. He cuts through grumbling, griping and complaining in our flesh. He cuts all the way through and loves us so unconditionally, that He will labor with us to the end, until we grasp that we belong to Jesus. Others are lost, and they do not know this truth. That is why He has made us “trumpets of truth,” bearers of truth to go and tell the world that Jesus lives. This battle sound is, “Holiness, now.” The Spirit of truth brings total victory in Jesus’ name.

We spoke last week about how He is the victory inside of us. “Jesus wins,” doesn't He! I have been saying that all this week, “Jesus wins.” He always has the victory. Amen. He cannot lose. His Kingdom only increases. Now, is a forward movement. We are going forward and onward. We are sounding the alarm. We give attention, and we examine our hearts as we prepare ourselves for the Lord daily. We govern in His kingdom while we do this. Our hearts are being prepared for Him daily. We are allowing Him to do that.

At the same time, we are heralds of truth. Singers and prophets, proclaiming the good word of the Lord, and bringing good news. He is saying, “holiness, now.” Say, “Holiness, now.” You cannot get holy without Jesus or without His blood and His righteousness. Try all day if you want, and you get a good legalistic holiness movement without Christ, right? The only way you can be made right with God is through the blood of Jesus, by receiving His body and His sacrifice. That is it.

Hebrews 12:12-15 NKJV

He says, “Therefore, strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord. Looking carefully, lest anyone fall short of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many will become defiled.”

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“So be made strong even in your weakness by lifting up your tired hands in prayer and worship. And strengthen your weak knees, for as you keep walking forward on God's paths, all your stumbling ways will be divinely healed! In every relationship, be swift to choose peace over competition, and run swiftly toward holiness, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. Watch over each other to make sure that no one misses the revelation of God's grace. Make sure no one lives with a root of bitterness sprouting within them, which will only cause trouble and poison the hearts of many.”

Wow, this is loaded, right? In the New King James, He said, “Pursue peace with all people. Pursue peace with all people, and holiness without which no one will see the Lord.” That is very clear again, you cannot see the Lord except through the blood of Jesus. You must be born again. Yes. But, there is a perfecting in us. Just because we are born again doesn't mean we can live like rascals, and just sin and do whatever we want to do. Our life is no longer our own. We have been bought with a price.

We are now the temple of the Holy Ghost, who owns us and is Lord of us, right? We died with Christ. We were crucified with Christ. You see, this is just like, “Oh wait, whoa, whoa, I have been made holy through the blood of Jesus, but He tells me to “pursue holiness.” He tells me to “pursue peace with all.” That is amazing to me. He says, “Now here is the warning. Look carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God.” In the Passion translation, it says, “For as you keep walking forward on God's path. All your stumbling ways will be divinely healed. Watch over each other to make sure that no one misses the revelation of God's grace, because we know without His grace, there is no way we can live uprightly.” We are saved by grace through faith. Look for God's grace daily. Expect God's grace. Expect His glory to wrap around you. Look for the glory of God. Look for the goodness of God. Look for the holiness of God, because there is only one way to Him.

We cannot live this without Him. He warns us to take care, lest anyone falls short of the grace of God. Let no one live with the root of bitterness.” We all understand what bitterness is. Who drinks coffee in here. Wow, look at that. Coffee is really bitter. We understand bitterness right? What is bitterness? God is addressing that in this entire context. “Pursue peace with all people and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.” Then, He says, “Looking carefully, lest anyone fall short of the grace of God. Lest any root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble. Many are defiled by it.”

I am just saying it over and over again. In every in every relationship, be swift to choose peace over competition. You know flesh. You do not have to be in track or sports or tennis to compete with someone. You can compete with any person under the sun, because you want to be accepted. You want to be set apart and special. The spirit of competition comes from the world, the flesh, and the devil to make you feel less than you are. God says, “Come to me. I am going to put My Spirit in you and reveal to you how holy I have made you. You are set apart for me and you are Mine. That is how special you are. That is holiness unto the Lord. You have been set apart for God. Pulled out of sin and hell, and set apart to God. We have this fleshly competition going on with unforgiveness, bitterness, strife, discord, envy, and all the bad stuff. That is what humans do. That is flesh. He is calling you out of this. He is saying, beware of this.

We do not want a root of bitterness, because it causes trouble and can poison the hearts of many. Other translations say, “by it many can become defiled.” Bitterness is a poison. We do not want to drink poison. We do not want to drink something that will kill us. Correct? In Holy Spirit's renewal, we have the opportunity to make all things new in the fear of the Lord. That is what He does. Roots of bitterness usually come through unforgiveness. It is classic, starting

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with ourselves and our own sin, where we have to ask God to forgive us of our sin, because we are bitter and enraged against ourselves with self hate and self condemnation. Many go from there to offense with God. Many believers and unbelievers alike are offended with God. Some because of unanswered prayers, a great loss, a delay, or maybe you just do not believe Him. You did not think it was supposed to go the way it did. You could have unforgiveness, deep wounds, or an offense with God. He gets blamed for everything, but God is good. He sent Jesus to take that into Himself. Jesus drank the cup of gall. He drank the cup of bitterness.

He drank it all the way through. Roots of bitterness can come down generationally. Grandpa was bitter, Grandma was bitter, Mom and Dad were bitter, now I am bitter. We all understand this. You do not have to work hard to get this. You are born in it. You know what I am talking about. When you get older, you recognize it. When you have the Holy Ghost, now He starts shining the light in your own heart. He says, "Do not be bitter. Do not compete. Do not be jealous. Do not be envious. I am right here. I gotcha. All you need is me. I am going to empower you with so much love and sanctification that you are going to be able to love others and serve others all your days. But, we cannot have that root of bitterness. Thank you, Jesus.

Matthew 3:7-12

Lay the axe to the root through repentance. Lay the axe to the root of bitterness, through repenting and turning to God. He says, "You must be born again. Repent and turn from your ways. Your own righteousness will not save you." He is calling forth, "Even now, the axe is laid to the root of the tree. You are going to have to know what tree you are part of. Because, if you are not in Christ, the Tree of Life, the axe is coming soon to your root. You will be pulled up and cast into unquenchable fire in hell forever and ever." Apart from God, you can do nothing. He is bringing a baptism of repentance, to prepare the hearts to receive Christ, the Messiah, who is going to come in mercy, compassion, truth and grace, to save as many as He can. Because you must believe in Me, you must give your whole life to me. You cannot have a part, right?

This gospel is amazing. He is going to come in so much truth that He is going to be burning with Holy Ghost fire. He is going to bring a fire that will cleanse us and go down into those roots. Pull them up, and cleansing the house. You have heard of that. We need a good spring cleaning. We just need a good house cleaning. Well, Jesus does that in us, and He will until we see Him face to face. Hallelujah! Because, "when I see your face in righteousness, when I wake, I will be satisfied with your presence and likeness." Oh my God, as He is, so am I. He took this flesh and transformed me into His son and daughter the Most High God. Not of my doing, but by my faith. My faith in Him and what He did. This is the Spirit of holiness at work in us. Many perverted it into some legalistic movement of do's and don'ts. Listen, when you are in the Holy Ghost, He will tell you, "do not," and He will tell you, "do." He is so good to us. It is "Holiness, now." That is it. We are "trumpets of truth," and we are carrying this message.

Acts 8:1-4

An incredible chapter and testimony of the early church. Saul was a Pharisee of the Jews and he was actually against the church at this point, persecuting the followers of Jesus. They ran, they scattered, and they went as "trumpets of truth." The devil did not stop them. He just fanned their flame, the fire of God in them spread all the more. They literally were scattered like seeds into the region. Jesus said, first you are going to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. You will start here in Jerusalem, then Judea, then Samaria, and then to the remotest parts of the Earth. Now starting through persecution and as they are scattering, they carry the living, breathing Word of God, the sanctification of the Holy Ghost, and the fire of God with them everywhere they go. You have to see it in context. I am not saying it is not hard, but we have to get our perspective.

Acts 8:5-6

Philip was one of those who were scattered. He went down to the city of Samaria, and he preached Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, to the multitudes. The multitudes, more than one, heeded the things spoken by Philip. Hearing and seeing the miracles that he did, because God is confirming His word with signs, miracles and wonders.

Acts 8:7-8

He is going around doing good, and healing all who are oppressed by the devil. He casting out demons, the lame are walking, and the paralyzed are being healed. There was great joy in that city. Everybody, multitudes in the city, think city here, okay. They were so thankful

Acts 8:9-13

They heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorcery for a really long time. The local witch doctor had dominion over the region, performing his own demonic evil signs, miracles, and wonders and serving Satan himself. The Kingdom of Heaven comes into the territory. Then Simon himself, the warlock, the bad guy, believed and was baptized in water. He continued on with Philip, and he was amazed when seeing the miracles and the signs that were being done. You say, "Well, that is awesome." That is a good report to bring back to your church, "I saved the local warlock."

Acts 8:14-19

The apostles heard that Samaria had received the word of God. When you receive the word of God, you are going to receive the Spirit of Truth, correct? "Thy word is truth." They sent Peter and John to them to pray for them that they would receive Holy Spirit. This is the baptism of Holy Spirit of Fire that John spoke of. He had only fallen upon them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then these apostles laid hands on them, and they received Holy Spirit. They were baptized in Holy Spirit and fire and a fresh impartation of the same power and the anointing that was on Jesus. When Simon saw that through the laying on the apostles hands, the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power."

Acts 8:20-24

Your what? Your heart is not right with God. My goodness, you talk about a battleground in the Spirit. Simon is saved, but when it really came down to who owns the power, he was still in that other spirit. The disciples called it out here. "You are poisoned by bitterness." The King James version says, "I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." This is bitterness. This poison is what we have all been born into, in sin. We were poisoned with sin. That gall of iniquity, passed down from generation to generation until Christ shows up on our path. This bitterness is more than just, "I am tired of dealing with you. I am so mad at you. I do not want to talk to you anymore." It goes way deeper than that. He goes down to the depths of Hell, where God says, "I have pulled you up and out of this." I am making you "trumpets of truth." I am making you sanctified and holy. Walk holy, as I walk holy.

The ungodly world still wants to buy the power of God, still wants to cheat, and wants their own way. "I am sending you out as "trumpets of truth," to uproot these roots of bitterness in others." The Lord says, "Do not be ashamed of the Lord's holiness. Do not be ashamed." The church has been labeled with having a "I am holier than you attitude," since it existed. But, when you are called to walk after life and the word of God, those who are still lost see that. Saying, "You are just judging me. You are walking in the light now, and I am still over here in darkness. You think you are better than me." I have heard that. You probably have too. Some of you may have said that. But, that is the conflict. He says, "You must be born again. No one can come to the Father except through Me." None of our good righteousness will ever get us to

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heaven. We must give our lives to Christ and receive His free salvation. But, do not be ashamed of His holiness. It makes us separate, special and set apart as His very own.

1 Peter 2:9-10

That is what I just told you. We have been transferred out of darkness into light. You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation. His own special people. You can proclaim His praises, who called us out of this darkness. Do not be ashamed of His holiness. Embrace it. You say, "If I do this, they will not want to walk with me anymore." Just give it a little time. Let the light of God shine through you, and love all people.

Usually they leave your presence. They do not want to party with you any more, because you are not partying. But, give it time, because the Spirit of Truth is searching for them. You are the living witness. You are the first born witness from above to show them. Saying, "This is what happened to me the other night. Jesus came to me. I was reading the Bible. I felt that conviction and I repented of my sin." Jeff and I loved to dance and we used to go to the bars and party with our friends. When they got born again, my first words to them were, "Are you on some kind of religious high?" That's what I said to them. They were not even baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire yet. They had just been born again. There was a conviction there. They were a herald of truth. We said, "We are so lost. We must be born again."

You cannot just go to church Beloved. You have to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. That hit me. But, they were not even mature enough for the Lord to produce this great holiness movement. They probably still had all kinds of demons, unforgiveness, and bitterness, but there was the light of Christ in them. It was the holiness of the Lord, that was taking territory. If I had been a witch back then, I would have been a witness to the dumb warlock. You know where you come out of. You are going to influence your sphere, your business, your families, and wherever He puts us. Do not be ashamed of holiness. He is changing the way we think Beloved. He says, "Be holy as I am holy."

Ephesians 5:25-27

He instructing the family here. He is talking about husbands and wives. Thy word is truth. The call and mandate on Jesus Christ, as head of the Church, is to perfect the Bride and make her ready for Himself. Right there in your Bible, it is the Spirit of Holiness. Do not be ashamed, because we are really being perfected for Him. While we are being perfected, we are trumpets proclaiming the good news of the Lord.

I have written a corporate prayer of repentance for us to pray. You can pray now, or you can pray yourself at home or with your family. This is an overall prayer that I knew I was supposed to lead the body in, on behalf of me and my house, serving the Lord and taking heed to what the Spirit of Holiness is telling us. We do not want roots of bitterness. We do not want the works of the flesh. We want to be fresh and flourishing in Him. Honoring Him and yielded to Him, so we can be rooted and grounded in Him. Amen. If you would, please stand.

We have many guests here today. You do not have to pray this with us. Even those here in the house, you do not have to pray this if you do not want to.

"Father, in Jesus name, we your children, choose to honor your word and your way and your holiness. You are holy. Because, it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." Without holiness, no one will see the Lord. You are a consuming fire. We, your Church, choose holiness and the fear of the Lord, to have total dominion in our lives and worship. We repent on behalf of ourselves, our families, forefathers and the church, for all unforgiveness, that has led to bitterness and deep wounding of the soul. We receive forgiveness as we forgive those who have sinned against us, in Jesus name. We renounce and destroy the flesh judgment against the church and saints, of

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having a "holier than thou attitude." We renounce and destroy all words of hate, deep hate and animosity towards your house and your saints. We repent for our participation on behalf of our forefathers, families, and ourselves where we have agreed with any form of bitterness of soul, that has poisoned our hearts and literal bodies, and that has perverted the way of the Lord in our minds. We forgive our cities, states and nation for all the participation with lies, perversions and bitterness one to another. We honor the precious blood of Jesus that makes us white as snow, forgiven and free. We receive your anointing, your empowerment of Holy Spirit, in our lives, to have total and complete Kingdom dominion. Teach us your ways, Lord. Show us the way to walk. We choose the truth and boldly declare your truth shall prevail over us and our families. We loose the light of the Lord, over all lies of darkness and perversion. We decree, "Holiness now." We decree "truth prevails." We decree "righteousness and justice have the dominion. The scepter of righteousness rules the land." In Jesus name, amen and amen."

Holy Spirit we honor your direction today. This very prayer came from you. We submit ourselves to you, Lord. I thank you for removing every yoke and weight and burden and bondage from every soul, and for taking and uprooting all roots of bitterness, offenses, and unforgiveness and for healing all who call upon your name, Lord. We thank you for making us "trumpets of truth." We adhere to the word of the Lord. Your word is truth and we love you. We honor you, Lord. Continue to use us for your glory in this hour. May cities, regions, states and nations come to know you, Jesus, as King, amen. Amen.