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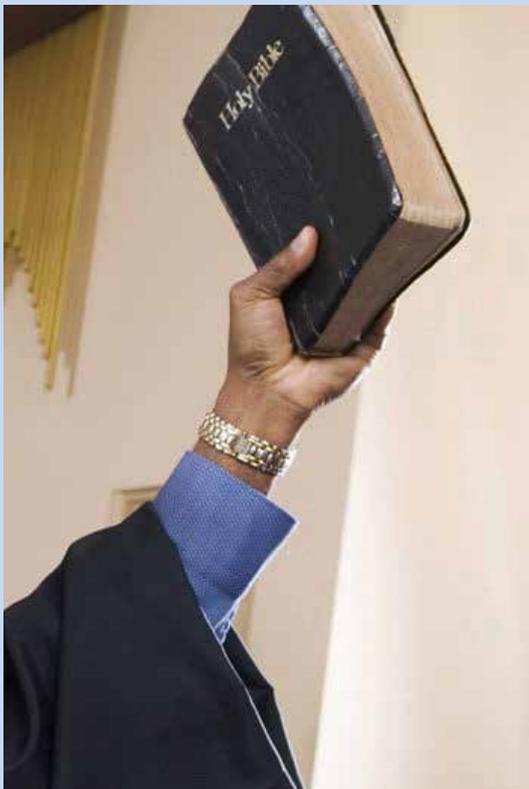
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Uncertain Sounds

“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?”
(1 Corinthians 14:8, KJV).

In Israel, those of us who live here are accustomed to hearing the siren sounds of an emergency, an all clear, and a Shabbat signal. They are distinct sounds so that we will know how we are to respond, i.e., to ready ourselves, and homes, for possible military attacks, to be able to know if all is well, and also when the Sabbath begins and ends. If any of these sounds were to be indistinct, not sending a clear call, how would we know if we were to get ready for war, if all was well, or if God's special day was beginning, and ending? How would we be prepared? It is important that each sound is clear and understandable, not allowing any ground for confusion. 1st Corinthians 14:8 is clear that we must know God's Word well and seriously study our Bibles, or we may not be able to prepare ourselves for the battles ahead. There is much restlessness in today's churches. Many people are disappointed that there is no meat in the sermons, that repetitive doctrines about prosperity, and a life free from problems are available – “just give from your pockets and your life will be blessed.” We need teachers who will give sound doctrine for the times in which we live, i.e., “meat in due season” (Matthew 24:1-3). Many are hungry for timely messages for the seasons and era in which we find ourselves, messages that will help us prepare for the days ahead. Anyone who knows something about the prophetic Word of God, knows that the signs of the times are leading us up to the return of the Messiah to Jerusalem, and to the setting up of a Kingdom, in the City of the Great King: Jerusalem.



When we preach the whole counsel of God, not just passages on prosperity, wealth, affluence, success and riches for ourselves, we will find that the Hebrew understanding of prosperity means wholeness, completeness, peace and shalom for our personal well being in order to grow closer to the Lord. The time has come for sound doctrine, the timely messages so needed for spiritual growth and preparation for His Coming must include His promises to Israel which are coming to pass before our eyes, and all of the future promises for Israel, and those who love her. We must be teaching the Word (2 Timothy 4: 2-3, 4). If there is resistance, as there was in Alexander, the Coppersmith (2 Timothy 4:14-15), then so be it, but let's set things in order and accept what God is going to do in Israel, and to those who love her.

Billy Graham always said, “The Bible says...”. Speaking directly from God's pure Word, he did not preach about how to only take care of ourselves and be “blessed”, His Voice brought conviction to the human soul, people responded and lives were changed. Sound Doctrine comes from preaching the whole counsel of God, not Church traditional pre-prepared sermons, repeating creeds, and listening to ear-itching sermons. Those into “bless me, and my church only,” sermons are not in step with the Holy Spirit and what He is doing in the earth today. Now is not the time for stirring and convicting messages that will change our lives and bring us into a closer walk with Jesus. Let us pray true

revival comes, but it will not come without sacrifice and tears...One cannot set a date for revival and say it is going to happen – it is a move of the Spirit of God alone. How did we ever arrive at setting dates for when revival was going to begin? Only God knows when this will happen and it happens when hearts are ready, and right before Him.

Let us pray that we will see the eradication of uncertain sounds coming from our pulpits, and that we will indeed not be able to withstand the Spirit of the Lord drawing us to true repentance, in Holy living and preparation for the Coming of the Lord. Look for solid teaching, meat in due season. When the Word of God is clearly taught, and purely His Words and Promises, it will change our lives. There is no sound, nor complete preaching of the Word, without Israel. David Rubin, author of "Repentance" says "We must be adorned with the doctrine of God Our Savior (Titus 2:10). We must repent of all ungodliness toward Israel (Titus 2:12)". When we look up for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of the Lord, in which direction should we be looking? Up and toward Jerusalem! When we understand the prophetic Word of God, we will no longer sit and listen to messages of uncertain sounds. We will hunger to feast on His Word alone.

LET US ENTER OUR PLACE OF PRAYER

A Land of Miracles: Before we pray, let us ponder for a few moments the wonder and awesome God we love and serve. Here in Israel we have seen so many miracles. November 13, 2018, the Times of Israel staff reported that a bus had previously been filled with IDF soldiers and troops but the soldiers had just disembarked from the bus a few minutes before it was hit by an anti-tank missile fired from Gaza. The bus had just pulled out of the Black Arrow Memorial near Kibbutz Azza, several kilometers from the Gaza border, when the missile hit.

- **Beseech the Lord for** Divine protection for the brave young men and women in the armed forces of Israel who serve every day, and every night, to protect the borders of God's Holy Land. ***"May the evil plans of my enemies be turned against them. Do as you promised and put an end to them"*** (Psalm 54:5, NLT).
- **Thank the Lord for** the Prince of Peace who will come, right on time, to usher in true peace with the Arab nations that want to destroy God's People. Without His Return, the continued suffering, and needless violence will continue to befall Israel. ***"... government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ..."*** (Isaiah 9:6).
- **Praise the Lord for** the seasonal rain that has begun to fall in Israel. After several years of drought, Israel desperately needs abundant rain this year. ***"...That I will give you the rain of your land in its due season..."*** (Deuteronomy 11:14).
- **Proclaim His Word that** God has planted many Bible-believing families, and children, in Judea and Samaria who are staying put on the Land that they believe God has given to them as a nation. Thank God for this wonderful believing remnant in the faithfulness of God. ***"And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God."*** (Amos 9:15) As radical Islam is trying to uproot Israel, pray that they will never be taken away from God's ingathering of them back to their homeland.
- **Search the Word for** the many countless and innumerable promises made to Israel in the Bible from her historical past, and for her glorious future. ***"There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass."*** (Joshua 21:45, KJV). God does not change, and His Promises for Israel will not change.
- **Believe God for** an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit as prophesied in the book of Joel. With so much of the world's influence that has crept into this beautiful nation, repentance and total commitment to the Lord God of Israel, and a revelation of His Word must come. Pray with boldness the Scriptures which foretell of this great outpouring. ***"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions..."*** (Joel 2:28).

Your prayers are carrying Israel during these difficult days. Thank you for remaining at your posts as Watchmen on the Wall. Thank you also for everyone who has prayed for me during my recovery from a bad fall. I am healing but still need your prayers.

Until He Comes,

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