

Hearing God's Trumpet Call

“I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet” “The first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me”— Revelation 1:10; 4:1.

Spiritual deafness has robbed many of the joy of walking with God. The church must hear and obey God's voice. Jesus said, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches” (Rev. 3:13). God's voice is a trumpet call to the soul. While we live our earthly lives, we should be listening for His heavenly voice.

The trumpet calls us to hear the Word of God. When God appeared on Mt. Sinai, His awesome majesty was announced by a long trumpet sound that grew louder and louder! God descended upon the mountain and called Moses to come up to receive the law. (Ex. 19:16-20).

The trumpet calls us to higher levels of worship and service. John the revelator was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day and heard behind him a great voice like a trumpet. It was the glorified Christ in resplendent majesty, clothed in light and glory; the alpha and omega; the first and the last. When he saw Christ, John fell at the Lord's feet in surrender and worship (Rev. 1:10-18). Like Moses, John heard that voice saying, “Come up hither” (Rev. 4:1, 2). God is calling us to rise higher in prayer, faith, love, and service. God's trumpet is calling us to greater obedience to the Holy Spirit and His Word.

The trumpet calls us to assembly and to battle. In ancient Israel, when the priests blew the silver trumpets the people gathered for a holy convocation and a solemn assembly (Num. 10:1-10). When the people needed to gather for battle the priests would sound the alarm on the trumpets. The prophet Joel said, “Blow the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in my holy mountain” (Joel 2:1). Today, sin's fierce war is raging! God's trumpet call is sounding from heaven! Join in the battle in this desperate hour! God is calling flaming evangelists and weeping prophets; men who refuse to soak in their blessings, but would rather run to the battle at the peril of their lives! The trumpet is sounding, will you answer?

Soon the last trumpet will sound the final victory! His trumpet shall never sound retreat! Victory is promised for the saints! Jesus warned of persecution, catastrophes and even martyrdom but those who are faithful to the end will hear God's victorious trumpet when He comes in glory. Perhaps even now, Gabriel is lifting the trumpet to his lips. That last trumpet call will be heard throughout the earth. Every man will face God! “For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel; and with the trump of God. . .” (1 Thess. 4:16). We must sound the Gospel trumpet of truth and call men to repentance. Like Isaiah, we should cry aloud, lift up our voices like trumpets and speak out against sin (Isa. 58:1).