



THE TRUMPET

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Matthew 3:2-4

GOD STAYED HIS JUDGEMENT! GOD SAID "IT IS ENOUGH!"

BY JOHN JEYASEELAN

I will never forget what happened during the early morning hours of that day four decades ago when I was 17 years old. There was the voice of a witchdoctor outside the doorsteps of my home in India forecasting my death in 10 days. The witchdoctor described me accurately saying that I was the oldest son among four sons in that home and that I was excellent in scholarship and studies. He also said that I was afflicted with a severe lung disease and that I will die on the tenth day.

In those days, there were many witchdoctors within India. The ones people would take seriously were those doing the 'graveyard shift.' This particular sect of witchdoctors spent their times in the graveyards and then they would come into the towns. During the middle of the third and fourth watches (1:00 AM – 4:00 AM), they would appear before certain homes to either cast a curse upon them or to make an accurate prediction of death, doom and gloom upon that home. In my own town many died as a result of those predictions.

It was such a man who appeared at my front door that morning and said those words. While I will never forget the shock on my grandmother's face, it only lasted a short time. In a moment she knelt down and started calling upon the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I still remember her prayer!

"God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, You are the God of the universe. Everything has been created by You and for You! Even my grandson is a precious gift that came from You. You have created him for a purpose and for a destiny. Don't let him die without fulfilling the very purpose for which You have created him. In You there is life. In You there is hope. In You there is victory. I commit his life into Your hands. Preserve him, O Lord, for thy glory, for thy honor and for thy praise! In the most powerful and awesome Name of Your Son, Jesus, I pray. Amen!"

On the tenth day, the day the witchdoctor said I was to die, I was taken to a hospital 46 miles away from my home. A chest x-ray

revealed my condition to be a grave one. The doctors told my mother that I was not expected to survive but still admitted me to the TB ward and quarantined me.

I thank the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob for He did not fail me. My grandmother had been on her knees praying during the ten days prior to my ordeal and she continued on in prayer throughout my stay in that hospital. In her prayer, in a selfless act, she pledged her life for mine! She added these words to her early prayer: *"Lord, I am 65 years old. I want You to take my life and plant it in my grandson. I am ready to come home to be with You. Instead, I pray that You would graciously allow my grandson live to tell the world that You are a merciful prayer-answering God. I will not get off my knees until You assure me that my grandson is all right."* God heard those prayers and healed me on the tenth day after I was quarantined in the TB ward. God reached out in His mercy, love and compassion and pulled me from the jaws of death. God reversed the curse of the witchdoctor and spared my life. I was the first and only survivor of any witchdoctor's prediction of doom and gloom in my hometown. My grandmother went home to be with the Lord the following year. During her last two days on earth God blessed my grandmother with a glorious view of heaven and its angels and allowed her to see the countenance of Jesus by her bedside.

Now...Here's the victory report! Four decades later, God continues to visit me in the early morning hours many times at 3:00 AM, the same hour when a witchdoctor put a death curse on me so many years ago. He summons me to pray for those that are hurting, those that do not have hope of survival and especially those that are lost. My life has been preserved and transformed solely because of my grandmother's prayers that moved my God to stop a curse which was about to overtake me before I fulfilled my destiny. **To God be all the glory for great things He has done!**

In a sense, God said: "It is enough!" Enough of the curse, enough of pain and sorrow, enough of the pestilence

that was about to consume me – all because someone dear to Him stood in the gap to intercede for me – even to the point of laying down her own life for mine!

GOD STAYED HIS JUDGEMENT!

In Scriptures we read of the few occasions when God stayed His judgment! One of those is mentioned in the Scriptures and it is a remarkable story outlined in II Samuel 24. I picked this special example because of the very many similarities of my own life's testimony. This story in the Bible is very special and thrilling in the sense that God averted His judgment of a national disaster at the doorsteps of a gentile whose name is otherwise very insignificant in the Bible.

King David sinned in taking the census of Israel and Judah. His own general Joab gently admonished the King saying that God would add to each citizen a hundred times more than they were but the King would not listen to him. This egregious sin of David angered God and God responded with His message of punishment through the Prophet Gad. God offered David a choice among three punishments – seven years of famine, three months of pursuit by his enemies and three days of plague from God's hand. David was wise to choose the latter with these words: *"I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man"* (II Samuel 24:14).

God's word clearly says that the Lord sent a plague in Israel from morning till the appointed time and that 70,000 people died from the northern limit of the kingdom (Dan) to the south (Beersheba). Something remarkable happened when the angel of destruction came near the threshing floor of a gentile, Araunah!

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“And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, ‘It is enough; now restrain your hand.’ And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite” (II Samuel 24:16).

Araunah was not a Jew but a Jebusite living in the Holy Land. His family was one among the original natives of the land that did not leave God’s Promised Land. He was a farmer working in his threshing floor with his four sons when the angel appeared: *“Now Ornan (Araunah) turned and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid themselves, but Ornan continued threshing wheat” (I Chronicles 21:20).*

The grain of the wheat was harvested and separated from its chaff by the threshing. The harvest was gathered in the threshing floor. As the angel of destruction saw Araunah working he stopped his destruction at the instruction of God who said, *“It is enough; now restrain your hand.”* Araunah’s life and the lives of his sons were treated as precious in the sight of God and they were spared from the judgment of the plague that had destroyed 70,000 people before reaching their door.

Two important points to remember!

- **The appointed time of judgment of three days was shortened!**
- **The progressive judgment stopped and the plague ended!**

Both happened at the doorsteps of a gentile businessman who was going about his business with the help of his sons. **Araunah became the judgment-stopper! We do not hear much of Araunah in the remaining Scriptures but it is a fact that God stopped His judgment at his doorsteps! A national disaster came to a halt!**

The plague did not swallow Araunah and his family. God changed His mind in one of the few rare occasions in the Scriptures! It may not be exactly similar but I too was mercifully saved from death that was about to enter the doorsteps of my home. The enemy intended evil but my God turned it around for good! While many died in my hometown under similar circumstances, God had compassion on me and preserved my life for His glory!

My dearly beloved, God is about to judge the world. Many of the shakings that are going on all over the world are precursors to God’s judgment that is yet to come before the Great Tribulation. One must be ready before this crucial hour arrives. If you are

one of those people who are getting ready to get ready, you will not escape this shaking. On the other hand, if you are one of those, who are abiding under the mighty hand of God and calling upon His name night and day, you too will be preserved in the midst God’s judgment! God will shorten the judgment for your sake and that of the remnant’s sake. God will stop the judgment at your doorsteps.

God will say, *“It is enough; now restrain your hand.”* It happened before and it will happen again. God is a God of mercy and grace. He is a God of forbearance and longsuffering. As much as He is shaking the earth with economic holocaust, famine, pestilence and calamities, He is also looking for a godly remnant whom He will spare out of these dangers in these trying times so that they will shine as His lighthouses before people and bring hope to the hopeless, power to the weak and life to those that are dying in their sins. Are you ready? Can God count on you?

THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE!

“Therefore, the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David that David should go and erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan (Araunah) the Jebusite. So David went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD. Now Ornan (Araunah) turned and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid themselves, but Ornan (Araunah) continued threshing wheat. So David came to Ornan (Araunah), and Ornan (Araunah) looked and saw David. And he went out from the threshing floor, and bowed before David with his face to the ground. Then David said to Ornan (Araunah), ‘Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to the LORD. You shall grant it to me at the full price, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people.’ But Ornan (Araunah) said to David, ‘Take it to yourself, and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes. Look, I also give you the oxen for burnt offerings, the threshing implements for wood, and the wheat for the grain offering; I give it all.’ Then King David said to Ornan (Araunah), ‘No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing.’ So David gave Ornan (Araunah) six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place. And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD; and He answered him from heaven by fire

on the altar of burnt offering. So the LORD commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath” (I Chronicles 21:18-27).

- God commanded King David to erect an altar on the threshing floor of Araunah.
- King David offered to buy the field for a full price to build an altar there.
- Araunah offered the field free of any cost to the King but David declined by saying, *“No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing.”*
- King David purchased the field and built an altar of sacrifice there.
- He offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to God and called upon the name of the Lord.
- God answered the King by the fire He sent from heaven to consume the sacrifice.
- At God’s command, the angel of destruction withdrew His sword and the plague was averted in the land before the appointed time of judgment was fulfilled.

The commitment of Araunah stopped the plague at his doorsteps but the repentance of King David stopped the plague in the land. King David truly repented and made restitution by offering to buy the field for the full price that softened the heart of God. **A true repentance is followed by a sacrifice that costs you something!** David’s sacrifice touched the heart of God and God stopped His plague from destroying the whole nation of Israel.

The threshing floor of Araunah became an altar of sacrifice!

This too has a very significant and special meaning to my life. My life was preserved from a plague four decades ago when my grandmother interceded for me. God stepped in and spared my life. I am firmly convinced that the life God has spared in me is not my own and that it belongs to my God to use it for His glory, honor and praise.

Today, by God’s sovereign move, it has become an altar! As God commanded King David to build an altar upon the very grounds where He showed mercy, God started bringing me to an altar of intimate prayer during the early morning hours! A witchdoctor shook my life once in the early morning hours long ago but today God’s voice shakes me up around the same time every morning! I cannot describe my

God's unconditional love in words! I do not deserve any praise for my experience with my God but I am certain that God wants to build an altar in me – an altar of prayer, an altar of sacrifice, an altar of fire, an altar of remembrance of God's greatness and an altar of His intimacy! I have heard my Heavenly Father's voice during these times of intimacy! His voice is a voice of correction, admonition, exhortation, edification and comfort! I am forever changed! I am forever grateful for my God's trust in me to share those precious moments with me. No amount of good works, on my part could have accomplished it! It is a gift from God! I will cherish it forever!

Dearly beloved, if God spared you from the brunt of His judgment and brought you into His peace, you too must consider and offer your life in gratitude to God. Create an altar in your home – an altar of prayer and an altar of sacrifice. Remember what the Lord has done for you all through the days of your life. Let your life be preserved for such a time as this as a holy offering to God. You will then continue to enjoy the everlasting peace and joy in your dwelling place. The sweet communion of our Lord God will bring you under His everlasting arms of protection and safety.

Another reference to God sparing the remnant from His judgment is found in Ezekiel 9. In his vision of the slaughtering of the citizens of Jerusalem, the Prophet Ezekiel saw God sparing the remnant that traveled before God in the midst of the abominations committed in the Holy City: *"And the LORD said to him, 'Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.' To the others He said in my hearing, 'Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity'"* (Ezekiel 9:4-5).

Beloved, the life that is preserved in you is the life that must be surrendered upon the altars of God as a living sacrifice: *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God"* (Romans 12:1-2).

A SANCTUARY OF GOD!

The story of Araunah and his threshing floor does not end there. The story continues later with King Solomon with the building of the Temple at the very spot of the threshing floor: *"Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan (Araunah) the Jebusite"* (II Chronicles 3:1).

- At first, the threshing floor of Araunah was about to face the wrath of God. Araunah would not have had a clue what was going to become of his threshing floor until the angel appeared.
- Next, God's heart was softened and God stayed His judgment! The plague that killed 70,000 men in his country stopped at his doorsteps!
- In the very next moment he saw his King stepping into his threshing floor instructed by God to build an altar from which He would receive burnt offerings and peace offerings. An altar was built and the offering presented to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The God of Israel brought His holy fire upon the threshing floor of a gentile, Araunah. What a privilege!
- Finally, Solomon started building a house of God (Temple) where God would take up residence in the Holy of Holies!

Amazing!

God spoke to Solomon during the dedication of the Temple built on the site and gave him the following promise: *"Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: 'I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, **if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.** Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually"* (II Chronicles 7:12-16).

God set a precedent that day that the place where His heart was softened was the very place He would receive the sacrifices from and take up residence. If the people would pray, repent and turn from their wicked ways, God would continue to soften His heart to bring healing to the land.

Early in this decade, God issued a command to me personally, confirming it to a group of intercessors around me, to build a Prayer Center in Daytona Beach that will bring transformation into the lives of the hungry saints and those that are in need for God's powerful move in their lives. How ironic that God would trust me with such a monumental task of gathering people of all denominations to a central place to seek God and call upon His name for revival in the land. Because my life has been spared from destruction, God is reconstructing my life and making it an altar of prayer and sacrifice. I am more than willing to be one participant among the many intercessors and prayer warriors that will congregate for prayer and worship at my Master's feet.

Pray with me as we will soon break ground to build a sanctuary of prayer and intercession in the heart of Daytona Beach so as to transform the lives of many people here and abroad. It will be a sanctuary of God's presence and power where we will see miracles, signs, wonders and revival. **It is my sincere prayer and hope that it will serve as a judgment-stopper for all those who join me and Bethel in turning their lives into an altar of prayer!**

"LORD, PREPARE ME!"

*"Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You."*

Here is something every believer can relate to in the above example of Araunah's threshing field:

- **Your life prior to your knowing Jesus was a life of sin and condemnation.**
- **Hellish bondage and destruction was all around you whether you were aware of it or not.**
- **You were heading toward destruction and disaster.**
- **But then someone stepped in and prayed for God's mercy and cried out for your salvation.**
- **The plague stopped at your doorsteps.**
- **God stepped in with His mercy and grace to forgive you and restore you from condemnation and death.**
- **Your life was preserved!**

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“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity; nor sworn deceitfully.” Psalm 24:3,4

- It was preserved, not for you to walk in your own ways and be forgetful of God’s everlasting mercy and love, but...
- It was preserved for you to yield your life as an altar of communication and intimacy with God.
- It continues to be preserved to transform you into God’s own sanctuary.
- When you offer your life as a sanctuary to God, God will take up residence in you.
- You will reflect God in His word, power and glory just as His precious Son Jesus lived on the earth.
- You will be truly reserved for God’s residence!
- God will look at you while sweeping the world with His judgment to spare you and those that abide under your care!
- Your life will always be precious in God’s sight!

My dearly beloved, Our God is a powerful God. Our God is an awesome God. He is our Heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. He has entrusted us with His Holy Spirit. He wants to reside in us. He wants our lights shine before the people of this world to show them His mercy, love, compassion and grace. Are you ready?

Build an altar in your heart for God. Come before Him with thanksgiving and adoration to sing songs of worship and praise. Yearn for the presence of God to fill you and saturate you. Live your life everyday with the thought that the life preserved in you in the life that belongs to a holy God. Do not compromise your relationship and intimacy with God with anything of the world. Then, and only then, you will experience God’s fire upon your life and your life will be set apart for God Himself. God will smell the incense of your prayers ascending from a pure heart and move by His sovereign power to engulf your surroundings with His revival fire.

You will indeed become a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true!

Please pray with me: **“Heavenly Father, I come to You in the precious Name of Your Son, Jesus! I offer my life to You. Transform me, I pray, by**

the power and the presence of Your Holy Spirit. Cleanse me from my sins and iniquities. Let not my will but Yours alone be done in me, O Lord. I yearn for You to reside in me. Lord, change my life through Your intimate relationship. I am Yours and You are mine forever. In the most precious and wonderful Name of Jesus, I pray. Amen! Amen!”



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Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Who has risen from the dead!

When John the Beloved saw Jesus in the spirit on the Isle of Patmos, Jesus spoke to him these words: **“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death” (Revelation 1:17-18).**

We serve a risen Savior Who is before all things and at the end of all things. What a privilege it is know Him! The Apostle Paul proclaims: *“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:10-14).* It is my sincere prayer that we reflect the power of the resurrected Christ through our godly living so as to draw many more to walk with Him.

No matter what goes on in this world at this crucial hour, know that the Lord God is still on the throne and He has everything under control. During these extraordinary times the world will see who is truly walking with God and who is not. Those who abide in His everlasting presence will be filled with joy unspeakable and nothing will overtake them. Those who are living in the fringes of God’s anointing must take the matters to heart and know that they are running out of time. If you are in this category, you must return to God and fully commit your life to Him now.

The ensuing article on “God Stayed His Judgment – God said: *IT IS ENOUGH!*” is a powerful message and is a continuation of the previous newsletter “Save Now, O Lord!” The newsletter discusses how God stopped His ferocious judgment and saved Israel from a plague. The story has a very special meaning to my life in that God saved me too from the destruction by a deadly plague ... tuberculosis, when I was a teenager. In the Biblical example that I refer to in the article, God commanded an altar to be built at the very spot where God changed His mind and stopped the judgment. Later Solomon’s Temple was built on the same spot. Pray as you read the article and ask God to rebuild His altar in your life and transform you into His sanctuary housing for His sacred presence and power.

Hema and I are earnestly expecting great things from God for our dear partners and friends like you. We are also praying for the day when we will break ground to start the construction on Bethel’s Global Prayer Center in Daytona Beach. Hema and I want to thank you for your faithful participation and prayers for our ongoing efforts on the project.

Words cannot express how grateful Hema and I for your continued support and prayers for this ministry. You are indeed helping us fulfill God’s mandate for our lives. Thank you so very much.

We also earnestly pray that the Lord will bless you and prosper you in all His ways as He meets your every need according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus.

In Christ’s Love,

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