



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

"40 YEARS!"

BY JOHN JEYASEELAN

It has been 40 years since Jesus came into my hospital room to heal me of bleeding ulcers. It was the year 1969 when the Gay Rights Movement was launched in the US. It was also the same year when the Woodstock Generation began with the launch of the Woodstock Festival on August 15, 1969. I was a struggling teenager at the point of death when God fulfilled the promise given to my mother who travelled in prayer before my birth. He told her that she would be the mother of four sons and that her firstborn son belonged to God as "His servant" to do God's mighty works in the nations of the world. I was that rebellious firstborn who was running away from God. God in His mercy and grace came after me through the travelling prayers of my mother and grandmother visiting me in my affliction to grant me a new life in Jesus Christ. The morning after a Hindu doctor predicted that I would die the night before I was made whole by the touch of my Master's hand laid upon my ulcerated stomach. I was miraculously healed! Jesus is alive! I realized that day that Jesus was not only able but also willing to heal anyone and everyone who called upon His holy name!

It has been 40 years since that day of miracle healing and deliverance by the hand of my Lord. It was thirty years ago that God opened the door to bring me to the United States. Twenty years ago, God called me into the ministry with His voice clearly leading me and guiding me to do what He has since enabled me to do. This article contains a few of the gems and treasures that I have gathered from my God whom I love and serve.

Join me as I walk with you opening up some of the treasures God has opened up to me.

GOD WILL ROLL AWAY YOUR REPROACH!

First, a new promise for God's people at this very hour! As I fasted and prayed for a few days at the conclusion of my 40 years of knowing God, God spoke to me from the promise found in Joshua: *"This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you" (Joshua 5:9).*

Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Of the several million people that left Egypt on their way to the Promised Land, only two adults, Caleb and Joshua and the children under twenty years of age were allowed to enter. Miriam, the sister of Moses died first, Aaron died next and Moses died overlooking the land God promised to Israel.

As the children of Israel entered the Promised Land, it was at Gilgal that God spoke to them: *"This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you" (Joshua 5:9).*

After 40 years of death, doom and gloom, a new beginning had dawned on Israel. The reproach of Egypt – slavery, oppression and the agonizing turmoil – was gone and they were set free. During the time of my fasting and prayer God spoke this very passage to me. As I studied the word "reproach" in the scriptures, I found that it represented the taunt and the scorn of the enemy resting upon a child of God bringing them shame and disgrace. Many godly persons in the scriptures were afflicted with it in the following references:

- Rachel's reproach was with barrenness, Genesis 30:23
- Israel's widowhood was a reproach, Isaiah 54:4
- The reproach of Egypt is the reproach of our past before we believed in the Lord and were separated from this world, Joshua 5:9
- Goliath was an intimidating enemy who loathed and reproached Israel for 40 days until David came along to tackle him with his zeal for the Lord of hosts and for his nation, I Samuel 17:26
- Even the remnant in Jerusalem suffered great reproach and affliction, Nehemiah 1:3
- Job was reproached with sickness and affliction that came from the enemy challenging his walk with his God, Job 19:5
- Sin among God's people is a reproach that destroys a nation, Proverbs 14:34
- Christ Jesus suffered reproach and became cursed to set us free from the curse of the law, Galatians 3:13.

God's promise to His people at this fine hour is that He rolls away

the intimidation, slavery, anguish, frustration, sickness, disease and disasters that have withheld God's precious people for decades, so as to help them enter into "their" Promised Land. This is the day of a new beginning!

I strongly believe that the people of God are about to enter into a new era that demands a holy dedication and consecration to God with a commitment as never before! Personally, I have experienced a newness of strength and favor from God during the last four decades. He has set me free from many things that held my ancestors in bondage by the intimidation of the enemy. While some of my 40 years were spent in wandering through troubles and frustrations, God has brought me into His presence with a new intimacy and intensity as never before. The reproach of waiting is now over! The fire of God consumes my carnal thinking and I am about to embark on a new journey with God that I have not experienced before. It is His sovereign doing!

God has rolled away the reproach of Egypt in my life as well as yours – sin, sickness, disease, barrenness, intimidation and ridicule of the enemy – and is bringing us all into an era of newness, fruitfulness, intimacy and favor!

GOD STILL GIVES HIS CHILDREN PROMISES!

I have found in the last 40 years that my God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is still a promise-giving and promise-keeping God! We serve a contemporary God who is true to today's generation and marketplace! We read in Proverbs 16:1&3: *"The preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD...Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established."* This means that as we prepare our hearts as did our forefathers and foremothers of the scriptures, we too will hear from God. As we believe in Him, obey and follow Him fully, we will come to not only understand but to experience that God is true to His word. *"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do?"*

Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good" (Numbers 23:19)?

I have found that my God speaks to me, His humble servant, as He did with many great characters of the Bible. I have heard God specifically and clearly on several matters:

- My supernatural healing manifested in 1969 from bleeding ulcers was as a result of God speaking from His Scriptures, John 11:25: *"Jesus said to (Martha), 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live'" (John 11:25).* If I had any doubt if Jesus could heal and raise me from my graven illness, that doubt was eradicated by the next promised that followed from the mouth of the Messiah: *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).* When I believed what He had spoken to me was true, I was miraculously healed!
- My marriage to my precious Hema is the result of God's promise given to us in 1974 ... we would become husband and wife and would travel to the nations of the world as vessels of God's grace and God's love to touch the nations with the power of the Most High! *"He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD" (Proverbs 18:22).* *"Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD" (Proverbs 19:14).* I am truly blessed by the fact that God had mercy on me and gave unlimited joy to my soul when He brought Hema into my life.
- I remember flying from India after the burial of my godly mother on March 18, 1982 and in the early hours of the morning on that airplane ride I heard the voice of God's promise as clearly as I have ever heard Him. The promise was that by the following year of the same time, God would have blessed Hema and I with a precious child. *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward" (Psalm 127:3).* God fulfilled that promise when Elizabeth was born on February 14, 1983. Our precious Rachel was given to us from God on April 11, 1987. I have the unexplainable joy when I look at these beautiful faces of Hema, Elizabeth and Rachel surrounding me. I am forever grateful for the fact that God blessed me with these precious gifts in my life. Together, my family and I serve an awesome God!
- The call to the ministry came in 1989 when God's precious Holy Spirit came upon me and I was completely

knocked down to the floor. The call is still ringing in my ears as clearly as I had heard it: **"Son, I need you in my service."** Along with it came a very special promise that if Hema and I did what the Lord had commanded us to do, He alone would meet all our needs according to His riches. It has been twenty years since that great moment of God came into our lives with a call to the nations. For twenty years, we have been living on that promise of God in being led to the nations, cities, homes, churches and even synagogues to glorify His holy name!

As you see, over these 40 years I have known my God as a promise-giving and promise-keeping God! My life is very simple, I merely follow God where He leads me and guides me as He promises to be with me every step of the way! By following His direction, I have come to experience His power delivering me daily to conform to what He has called me to do with His matchless ability (His grace) propelling me to my destination. When I arrive at each destination, I am absolutely certain of the fact that it is my God and God alone who has made it possible. Glory to God!

GOD CERTAINLY FULFILLS HIS PRECIOUS PROMISES!

Promises without fulfillments are just empty words. God is not only the giver of promises but also the fulfiller of those promises to those who believe. *"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good" (Numbers 23:19)?*

I remember sitting across a host of African Pastors after a powerful campaign in Kenya and listening to them sharing about their spiritual experiences. One would explain to the group that he had seen himself in a vision that he was flying over the African Continent as God touched the lives of multitudes through him. Another pastor shared that he had seen himself in the middle of nowhere when multitudes flocked to him to hear the gospel and the cities were never the same. One after the other, the leaders kept describing what they saw in the spirit. When my turn came to speak after all of them had shared I stood up. In my mind I was a little puzzled with the thought that those African pastors did not need one thing more than what they had already seen in their spirits years ago. I was wondering how effective my conversation with them would be. Suddenly, I heard the voice of the Holy Spirit inside of me: *"Son, ask them for the proofs for what they had seen years ago!"* I stood among them and asked them this question: *"Ladies and gentlemen, you have described to me in detail what you had seen in the spirit a long time ago but where is the proof to what you*

have seen? Where is the "flesh" to the "seed" you have been carrying for years? Where are the manifestations to what you have seen?" They were stunned! I am sure they did not anticipate that question since it came directly from the leading of the Holy Spirit. I then explained to them that it was not enough to see things in the spirit. It was also equally important to God for them to travail and weep before Him requesting that He fulfill what He had shown them in the spirit. We should not be satisfied with only what we have seen but must press on to see its fulfillment!

God told Elijah that the heavens would open to pour out rain after forty two months of famine but it was not automatic. Elijah had to travail in prayer before God before the cloud formed and the rain came (I Kings 18:42). The Israelites had the promise that God would take them to the Promised Land but only a few entered the land of promise (Numbers 14:29-31). The rest of them who were given to unbelief, lust and disobedience fell in the wilderness.

I too have to wait and travail in prayer to see the fulfillment of what God shows me in the spirit.

- Ten years of waiting after the miracle conversion before God opened the door to the nations that He had promised.
- Seven years of waiting for a personal blessing when God brought Hema into my life.
- Ten years of waiting even after a vision in which I saw myself at a specific location in Kenya to bring the good news at my first African crusade.
- Eight years of God's miracle hand leading me and guiding me before we broke ground last month for the Prayer Center that was conceived in the spirit in 2001.

Why, you might ask, do we have to wait? Why not Egypt to the Promised Land over night? The answer is that God develops His character in us during our waiting period. **Remember that the anointing of God will only carry you as far as the character of God can sustain you. God's character breeds authenticity. The power of God follows authenticity. It is not the words you speak but from the position in which you speak that matters. The position you keep is the position you have been trained in by the power of the Holy Spirit influencing your life.**

My dearly beloved, you must look diligently for the fulfillment of God's precious promises in your life. Hold on to what God has spoken to you and never give up believing and trusting Him for the fulfillment. What God has promised, He will also be able to fulfill! Praise the name of our God!

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER BUT HONORS FRIENDSHIP!

Prayer is a powerful tool to communicate with our Heavenly Father. As I have written earlier in my articles, prayer is a two-way communication with God. A family that prays together will stay together; a church that prays together will experience revival; prayer does not change the mind of God but it changes the one who prays so as to hear God precisely and to conform to God's holy will for one's life.

If in our walk with God we begin conversing with Him in prayer regularly we will in time get to know Him intimately and be drawn to Him more closely. When this happens, a friendship and a sacred trust are formed. **It is not just that we trust God but that God begins to trust us with His tasks, information, revelation and assignments.** We are trusted with God's confidence and intimacy. I dare not say that we become friends of God but God begins to extend to us His friendship. God called Abraham His friend (Isaiah 41:8). Twenty-five years into walking with God, Abraham followed God fully believing in Him for righteousness. Abraham was so obedient that God counted him to be a friend to trust him and to reveal His plan of judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah: "*And the LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him'*" (Genesis 18:17-19).

In the conversation between God and Abraham in the same passage, God spoke to Abraham seven times and Abraham pleaded with God six times. Yet, in all that Abraham pleaded God with, he did not reveal that his agony was over the safety of his nephew, Lot, whom he loved. God knew the unspoken request of Abraham and delivered Lot and his family before He brought the fire down from heaven to consume those sinful and wicked cities. This is remarkable in that God knew what Abraham's heart yearned and answered his request – a favor of friendship between Abraham and God.

We find a New Testament parallel when Jesus speaks to His disciples of a new intimacy with a promise: "*No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another*" (John 15:15-17).

Friendship with God is indeed powerful! For it is in friendship that God dwells with you and trusts you with His information for your edification, exhortation and comfort. God also favors you with His answers to your spoken and unspoken requests. It is priceless! Over the years, I have grown so much in prayer and supplication. Prayer is just a small part of my walk with God. As I grow more and more in the Lord, I begin to realize that God longs for my intimate friendship and fellowship. A few hours of prayer in the beginning of my walk with God has led me to a lifetime of constant awareness of God's presence and communication night and day. My answers from God once came after days of travail but now they seem to come quickly because of the change I have experienced in His presence. The importance of that change includes a revelation that our God is a God of fellowship and intimacy and that He looks for those who yearn passionately to know Him with all of their heart, mind and strength. He reveals Himself to those who seek Him and seek Him with all their heart.

THERE ARE NO SUBSTITUTES FOR FUNDAMENTALS!

God is a God of order; God is a God of design; God is a God of objectivity. Everything God has created follows the laws of God to perfection. There is nothing out of place in God. Likewise, God has given us the fundamentals of spiritual laws that we must follow to experience God's order and stability in our life. A planet revolving in its orbit has a unique speed with which it spins and circles around a central system. If the speed or the spin changes, it will experience catastrophic consequences. There are no substitutions to God's fundamental laws by some "word from God" from those individuals that will try to rewrite God's laws. The Apostle Paul wrote to Ephesians: "*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit*" (Ephesians 2:19-22). **God's fundamentals are God's absolutes!**

There are no stable buildings without the strong foundation. I had an experience with a student who was once in my Aerospace Engineering class. I asked him a simple question: "*How will you solve for the unknown from a simple algebraic equation of four quantities where three of them are known?*" He was perplexed and puzzled! He replied: "*I don't know!*" I asked him where he finished his high school. He replied that he did not! In fact he did not even finish his middle school. I was stunned how he got into one of the elite

programs in engineering that involved high level mathematical analysis. I felt sorry for him because he did not have the fundamentals to qualify for the program. I told him that he should finish high school before heading back to college, or else, he would suffer catastrophic defeat and humiliation. It would be a waste of time and money. He took my advice and left the program to continue to build on his fundamentals.

What are the fundamentals of God? They are simple.

- **Believe God for Righteousness!** "*For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*" (Romans 10:10). Every word God has said in His Scriptures is true and God will grant everything according to His word to those who believe and receive. Every day of disbelief set us behind in attaining our spiritual goals and arriving at "our" Promised Land!
- **Trust God for Stability!** "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths*" (Proverbs 3:5-6). Through many decades of tasting God, I have come to believe that trust in God alone is an absolute necessity to cross through the wildernesses and overcome snags and obstacles Satan throws in our path.
- **Obey God fully to follow your Destiny!** God said to Israel: "*Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation*" (Exodus 19:5-6). There is no substitute for obedience. The difference between those who eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:19) and those who are struggling all through their life is obedience. I would rather obey than wander aimlessly.
- **Love God and Love one another for your own Edification!** "*He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another*" (1 John 4:8-11). Love is the antibiotic to cure illnesses and eliminate scars and blemishes over the years. Love is the health food that helps you enjoy divine life all through the days of your life.



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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

• **Fear God and be Holy!**

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (II Corinthians 7:1). You can be righteous but not necessarily holy. Holiness demands that you receive the whole council of God with fear and trembling and depart from evil with disgust for evil.

• **Submission to God is the key to wisdom and strength!**

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 9:10). Your submission is **proof** that you tremble before God. You can say that you fear God all day long but if you have not submitted to God you have not respected and feared God. Lack of fear for God will lead you to a life without wisdom. Wisdom is the spiritual eyes to seeing the differences in cultures, manners, people, times, seasons and man and woman. Without wisdom you are a blind person treading along the pathway of life without having a clue to where you are going or how you are going to get there.

• **Keep from sin to redeem your time to continue your growth in God!**

“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according

to Your Word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:9-11). Sin is deadly and you must avoid it like a plague. Read the Old Testament and know that the consequences of sin are deadly. While there is forgiveness and restoration through the blood of Jesus Christ, you may still end up with nothing and you may have wasted a lot of time due only to sin in your life. Do not become a destitute of faith. Do not shipwreck your faith with sin. Stay close to God and redeem the times for the days are evil. The more you give yourself to God’s word, hide it in your heart and follow it fully, the more you will be healthy and free from sin.

Beloved, please pray with me: **“Heavenly Father, I come to You in the name of Your precious Son, Jesus Christ. I thank You for Your matchless mercy and grace in choosing me and delivering me from sin. Deliver me from the reproach I have suffered. Help me to see the fulfillment of all that You have promised in my life. Lord, I crave Your friendship and intimacy. Help me to obey and follow You all the days of my life. Father, build my life on the**

strong foundation of Your word and Your will so as to help me stand in times of adversities. Help me to be like You, O Lord! In the name of Jesus my Lord, I pray. Amen! Amen!!”



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Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus!

Hema, the children and I wish you and yours a Happy New Year! Here's a promise from God's word through Joshua: **"This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you" (Joshua 5:9).** This is the first word God spoke to Israel as they entered the Promised Land. On the same day, God's daily provision of manna ceased and the children of Israel reaped the grain from the fields of Canaan and lived off the abundance of the land. God, in His sovereignty, rolled away the intimidation, stigma, slavery, scorn and the disgrace associated with His Chosen People all through their journeys from Egypt. I strongly believe as I heard God from the above promise during my recent fasting and prayer, that the people of God will experience a shift of God's power and favor during 2010 that will lead them into their promised destinies!

We have completed our year with God's strong protection and guidance over our ministry team. 2009 was a year of challenge in the lives of so many. Bethel was pleased to stand faithfully with everyone of you to pray, strengthen and share the wisdom of God. Our orphanage in India received additional support from the saints of God in the UK for which I thank the Lord for His miracle provision upon our children. I also want to thank the precious brothers and sisters in England for their investment into the lives of the future leaders of Asia. May the Lord bless you and reward you with a hundredfold return.

Morning Prayer in Several Cities: During the year the Spirit of God led me to contact key pastors in Volusia County and urged them to open up their churches for early morning-prayer on a weekly basis. With the cooperation and participation from those leaders we are meeting in several cities (Daytona Beach, Port Orange and Cassadaga) for 5 AM prayer. It is exciting as we congregate together to worship God with our praises and adoration and lift our voices of supplication and travail. Lives are never the same after these morning prayers. I want to thank those prayer warriors who have joined us every morning to seek the face of God.

Bethel's Global Prayer Center: A breakthrough came as a result of the morning-prayer! Things started progressing rapidly and we received favor and clearance with a building permit from the City of Daytona Beach to proceed with our building project in the heart of the city. We broke ground last month. Hema and I want to thank you as you continue lifting this sacred project before the Lord in your daily prayers and helping us financially as the Lord will lead you and guide you. You may check on the progress of the building project on our web site below:

www.globalprayercenter.net

The ensuing article entitled "40 Years" is a powerful one. It reflects some of the things I have experienced from God during the last four decades. Please read it with prayer.

Once again, Hema and I want to thank you for your support and prayers for this ministry. As we begin this New Year, Hema and I would like to request your continued support and love. May the blessings of God and His peace be upon you and your household throughout this New Year!

In Christ's Love,

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