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"Lift up a standard for the
people" — Isa. 62: 10

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Sounds of Salvation

Motto Text for 2001 —

Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob

Psa. 81: 1

Noise (noiz) — *n.* 1. sound, esp. of a loud, harsh, or confused kind: *deafening noises.* 2. *Physics.* the combination of a nonharmonious group of frequencies of very short duration.

— *The American College Dictionary*

THE MODERN WORLD is full of noise, pleasing or otherwise, depending on the hearer. From the car horn in the busy city streets to the frequent overhead passage of aircraft, the decibel level of today's environment is vastly greater than mankind has experienced for most of its history.

Much of the noise around us is the emblem of industrial and technological advancement — one might say the unwelcome aspect of the prophecy in [Daniel 12: 4](#). There we read that, in the Time of the End (which we believe we are now in), “many shall run to and fro” — a predictor of the mobile, fast-paced world which most of us now take for granted.

A PLEASANT NOISE

The Revised Standard Version renders [Psa. 81: 1](#) as “shout for joy.” Our praise to God is demonstrated by our service, which includes our proclaiming the Truth message.

From man's point of view the message we proclaim is dissonant and unpleasant. But God looks at matters differently ([1 Sam. 16: 7](#)). What seems like a stinking sacrifice in the view of the unregenerate is to God a pleasant odor, a sweet perfume when offered by His consecrated ones ([Phil. 4: 18](#); compare [Lev. 26: 31](#)).

The Truth and the Biblical perspective we bring may not often be welcome nor appreciated. We may be rebuffed and become discouraged. But our text exhorts us to continue with the effort from the heart. It is God we seek to please.

BLOWING ON THE TRUMPET

The Psalm from which our year's text is taken is dedicated to the “chief Musician upon Gittih” (compare [Psa. 8](#)). Adam Clarke, in his commentary on [Psalm 81](#) writes:

There are various opinions concerning the *occasion* and *time* of this Psalm: but it is pretty generally agreed that it was either written *for* or used *at* the celebration of the Feast of Trumpets . . . which was held on the first day of the month *Tisri* [September — *Ed.*], which was the beginning of the Jewish year; and on that day it is still used in the Jewish worship.

The trumpet referred to in this Psalm (v. 3) is the *showphar*, designated by the English word, cornet. Made from either the horn of a ram or mountain goat, the instrument, expertly blown, would produce a clear, penetrating sound and could be heard plainly at a distance. (The Hebrew meaning of the name connotes *incising*.) In short, it was a perfect instrument for rallying — and inspiring — large groups of people.

THE TRUMPETS OF NUMBERS 10

In addition to the ritual instrument, the *showphar*; ancient Israel used a variety of trumpets, fashioned from different materials. The following is an extract from *Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary*:

Made of metal or bones, the trumpet featured a sounding column of air not quite two feet long. This short length gave this instrument a high, shrill sound. The tone of the trumpet apparently could be regulated ([2 Chr. 5: 12](#)).

[Numbers 10: 1-10](#) recounts God's instructions to Moses that he make trumpets of silver in order to declare His commands and to

assure victory in battle. The two trumpets seem to represent God's Word and Spirit, arousing God's people to certain actions. That they are a type is evident from their being a part of the Law and the Tabernacle arrangements — which are typical, as shown in [Hebrews chapters 9 and 10](#).

Examples from Scripture

A number of Scriptures suggest that a trumpet symbolizes a message, and its sounding symbolizes the proclamation of a message:



- The trumpet that sounded long at the inauguration of the Law Covenant represents the Truth proclamations of the seventh trumpet, connected with the inauguration of the New Covenant (Ex. 19: 13, 16, 19).

- The seven priests who sounded the trumpets while Jericho was being encircled (Joshua 6: 4-9, 13, 16, 20) represent the same as the seven angels with the trumpets of Rev. 8: 2-6, and their sounding them represents the same as these seven angels' blowing their trumpets which represents the proclamations of the seven angels' messages.

- Gideon blowing his trumpet (Judges 6: 34) represents our Lord proclaiming the Gospel message throughout this Age, while he and the 300 blowing their trumpets at the first battle (Judges 7: 16-22) represents our Lord and the faithful Little Flock giving out the message against the Divine right of rulers, clergy and aristocrats, from 1914 to 1916.

THE SYMBOLOGY OF THE TRUMPETS

Although Moses himself was commanded to make the two trumpets, he evidently had the work done by the craftsmen, Bezaleel and Aholiab, assisted by their companions (see Ex. 31: 1-6).

Bezaleel represents our Lord in His capacity of developing the Church and all its pertinent teachings. Aholiab represents the members of the seven stars, used by the Lord as special assistants in developing the Church and its teachings. Their assistants represent the antitypical scribes instructed in the matters of the Kingdom, bringing forth things new and old. These scribes consisted of general and special helpers of the members of the seven stars (Matt. 13: 52).

The trumpets were fashioned of silver, signifying that they were messages of truth. Silver here symbolizes the Truth. Their being made of one whole piece represents two things:

1. That they are taken from the one source of Truth, the Bible, God's Word (John 17: 17; 2 Tim. 3: 15-17); and

2. That they are in harmony with each other as parts of a harmonious whole (Isa. 8: 20; 2 Pet. 1: 19-21).

Moses' making these two trumpets represents our Lord's developing two Gospel-Age messages. We infer that, because of the emphasis laid on them (they appear in the first part of Numbers), they are the message of human salvation — *Restitution* (reckoned and actual), and the message of the Divine salvation — the *High Calling*.

These two doctrines flow out of the Ransom-sacrifice of the Lord Jesus and form the basis of the Divine Plan. Without the Ransom, salvation for members of the Adamic race to any plane of existence is not possible. These two doctrines are also pre-figured elsewhere as the Song of Moses (*Restitution*) and the Song of the Lamb (the *High Calling*) (Rev. 15: 3).

RESTITUTION — SONG OF MOSES

The First Trumpet

The doctrine of *Restitution*, summarized in Acts 3: 19-21, implies:

1. Man's original creation in perfection;
2. His trial for life;
3. His fall into sin and death; and
4. His experience with evil.

Additionally, it implies the necessity of man's *repentance* as an evidence that he earnestly desires salvation. As demonstrated by the experiences of the Gentiles — left to their unaided selves — and by the Jews — assisted by the Law Covenant and favoring providences — fallen man *cannot save himself*, and therefore is *dependent* on Divine power for salvation.

Salvation through *restitution* is typed by the first trumpet of Numbers, chapter 10. It needs to be kept in mind that salvation through restitution does not exclude repentance. God's grace provided a Redeemer who is able to satisfy the demands of Justice against the repentant and believing sinner, providing justification. This justification by faith has two dimensions: *reckoned* and *actual*.

During the faith Age the believer exercises reformation toward God to the best of his or her ability and heartily trusts, appropriates and acts upon the promise of God for the sake of the merit of Jesus to forgive sins, to impute Christ's righteousness, and is received into fellowship with God and Christ as a friend. Thereby one obtains reckoned justification or, to put it another way, reckoned *restitution*. In the next Age — the Millennial Age — the believer will receive *actual* restitution.

THE HIGH CALLING — SONG OF THE LAMB

The Second Trumpet

The Divine salvation is a summary of the New Testament. As with the restitution salvation, this doctrine has many implications:

1. That Christ is made to its recipients Wisdom, in that He teaches them all that they need to know in order to be successful in the High Calling (1 Cor. 1: 24);

2. That He vitalizes — brings to life — their reckoned justification in order to make them fit candidates for the High Calling;

3. That He sanctifies the humanity and New Creature of those in the High Calling. As to the humanity, He helps the believer in maintaining deadness to self and the world and aliveness to God while sacrificially putting the humanity to death — the mark of a good antitypical Priest. As to the New Creature, He directs them through seven stages, beginning with (i) the begetting of the Spirit, followed by (ii) the quickening, (iii) growth, (iv) strengthening, (v) balancing, (vi) crystallization and, (vii) spirit birth.

4. That in deliverance He rescues the New Creature from sin, error, selfishness, worldliness, Satan and death.

The following elements in the life of the New Creature (individually and collectively) are represented by the second trumpet of Numbers 10:

- Predestination (in the sense of having been selected to be a member of the Body);
- Organization (in the sense of the Church Body);
- Order (in the sense of the Church arrangements);
- Discipline (without this, one cannot develop Christlikeness);
- Law (of Love);
- Rest (sabbath resting in Jesus' finished work);
- Trial (to test the mettle of the character);
- Baptism (into the death of Christ);
- Passover (partaking of the "common-union" with Christ and the other Body members);
- Obligations toward man socially and toward the brethren (the Church's conduct in the world as a Light and a Reprover of wrongdoing);
- Foes and besetments (Satan, the World, and the Flesh); and
- Present and future inheritance (the "hundredfold" and the "hope of glory" (Matt. 19: 29)).

THE REIGNING KINGDOM OF GOD


There are other lines of thought in the Old and New Testaments that belong to either of these trumpet-messages, dependent on the application that is made of them.

For example, the Kingdom of God, considered from the standpoint of reigning over and blessing mankind, belongs to the Song of Moses. But considered from the standpoint of the glorious privileges of The Christ, it belongs to the Song of the Lamb.

Similarly, the Second Advent considered in its relation to the overthrow of Satan's empire and the blessing of mankind with restitution, belongs to the Song of Moses. In its relation to the reaping of the saints, their deliverance and glorification, it belongs to the Song of the Lamb.

The resurrection to human perfection belongs to the Song of Moses; the resurrection to the Divine plane naturally pertains to the Song of the Lamb.

There are many types and prophecies in the Old Testament pertinent to



Christ and the Church — while in the flesh and while in the spirit — which belong to the Song of the Lamb (1 Cor. 10: 1-11; Heb. 4: 10; 1 Pet. 1: 9-13). These are often presented from the standpoint of their effect on and relationship to the human salvation.

Because these two themes of the Bible — the Moses song and the Lamb song — lap into each other, we say that generally the Old and New Testaments have these respective representations. However, the two trumpets — the Song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb — are not themselves synonymous with the Old and the New Testaments respectively.

Simply put, the Song of Moses excludes High Calling matters and the Song of the Lamb excludes Restitution matters. However, these two messages so twine and intertwine into each other as to be in perfect harmony. They are, in fact, the two greatest features in the Divine Plan. It is their mutual relationship that proves them to be of a whole piece of antitypical silver.

MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE

Num. 10: 7 brings out the contrast between growth in advancing Truth amid controversy *versus* increasing in the knowledge of the Truth already received from previous unfoldings. Antotypically, this shows how the Truth should *normally* be presented to the interested and non-combative hearer.

While controversy has its place in Christian apologetics to repel attacks and to attack errors during theological debates, it is not very useful for winning hearts for the Truth. On occasion, we may need to resort to controversy when opponents fight the Truth with error, but in the ordinary circumstances of life, a controversial presentation of the Truth interferes with its acceptance — it arouses contentiousness in the hearer, and is liable to create an opponent rather a friend. If we design to win our hearers, we should blow on our trumpets of Truth a pleasant sound and not be too quick to blow an alarm.

Though we no longer sound the trumpet message of the High Calling as an opportunity still to be attained, we do need to present the facts of the High Calling in its *dispensational and historical* context. Without an understanding of the difference in callings — the elective salvation and the non-elective salvation — a sensible presentation of the Divine Plan is not possible.

Many of the secular messages abroad in the earth today are anything but joyful. News of strife and discontent, wars and famine, corruption and greed, ineptitude and tragedy, form the warp and woof of modern civilization. Were we to take up this theme and blow a racket on the Time of Trouble and its terrible forebodings as our *principal* witness, we would not win the hearts of our audience. The message of the Kingdom of God, with its attractive blessings of peace and harmony, health and well-being in Edenic surroundings, is a sound which floats beautifully into the ear. We need to learn to be expert players. As our Lord stated in **Matt.** 10: 16: “Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”

We should be courageous as we sound out our message to any who will hear and by whatever means we have at our disposal. Though our flesh is weak and our efforts lacking, the message of the Truth which we proclaim is beautiful, melodious; the Lord hears and appreciates it.

We pray that a consideration of our text (**Psa.** 81: 1) for the coming year will prove to be helpful as a timely reminder of our opportunities, obligations, and privileges in sounding forth the blessed message of the Truth.

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At the start of this new year we express our appreciation to our readers for their support and encouragement during the busy days of the year past. The Editor is grateful for the messages of good will and for the assurances of prayers received from brethren far and wide.

As an appropriate hymn to accompany our motto text, we suggest No. 24 in *Hymns of Millennial Dawn*, “Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow.” The words of this hymn are a lovely reminder of the coming Jubilee of blessing — a particularly uplifting message and which is a joy to sing. The words are reproduced below.

Blow ye the trumpet, blow
The gladly solemn sound;
Let all the nations know,

To earth’s remotest bound:

Refrain:

*The year of Jubilee is come,
Returning ransomed sinners home,
Returning ransomed sinners home.*

Jesus, our great High Priest,
Hath full atonement made;
Ye weary spirits rest;
Ye mournful souls be glad:

Refrain

Extol the Lamb of God,
The all-atoning Lamb;
Redemption through his blood,
To all the world proclaim:

Refrain

Ye, who were sold for naught,
Whose heritage was lost,
May have it back unbought,
A gift at Jesus’ cost:

Refrain

The seventh trumpet hear,
The news of heavenly grace;
Salvation now is near;
Seek ye the Saviour’s face:

Refrain

*The Editor, Associate Editor, and our staff at
The Bible Standard wish all of our
readers a happy and blessed 2001.*

LETTERS



Dear Friends,

I would like two of your *Poems of Dawn* and some of the 23rd Psalm tracts. I like to leave or give tracts with a tip. I would greatly appreciate tracts that are easy to read and express clearly God's love and plan of salvation.

Thank you very much for your good work.
Sincerely yours, C.E., Illinois

Greetings:

I have received Volume 2 of *Studies in the Scriptures*. Now I am requesting Volume 3, "Thy Kingdom Come." I never thought for a minute I would ever be this interested in reading the Scriptures. I couldn't have thought that I would gain what I've gained with little of time. Now I'm feeling very rewarded that I did. I thank you one and a million for providing me with your literature. I promise to read and study everything page by page. I will always keep in touch, and once I understand what I'm learning from the books you've sent me, I will tell others. Thank you once again and may God always be first in everything you do.

Sincerely yours, F.W., Texas

Dear LHMM: I am in need of five copies of *Poems of Dawn*. I'm sending a check which will cover the cost of the books plus postage.

Our Bible class is gaining an interest in your publications. I thank the Lord for that. You brothers truly have the Truth. Keep up the good work.

In Christ, G.M., Kansas

Dear Brothers,

The grace of the Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ bless and multiply your efforts and the work you are doing to further the Gospel. I have been studying your publications for over 16 months and it has helped me to be rooted and grounded in truth. Thank you and praise the Lord. Please forward the following publications
God bless you!

Love in Christ, L. A., North Carolina

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of interest . . .

A Canadian police patrol boat has completed a voyage through the famous Northwest Passage — the sea route from the Atlantic round the north of Canada to the Pacific — unhampered by any ice, and has done so in a mere nine weeks — less than half the time expected. Scientists claim that the Arctic icecap has shrunk in area by 6% in the last 20 years and that the thickness of the ice has been reduced to almost half in that same period. This could be further evidence of global warming.

If this route were to be used for commercial shipping, it would shorten the journey between Europe and Asia by about 5,000 miles. Conservationists are worried that widespread commercial use of the route would damage its pristine environment.

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Scientists in Canada, using gene therapy, have enabled mice to make human insulin in their gut. Under normal circumstances only cells of the pancreas can produce insulin. The scientists working on the project discovered that by delivering insulin-making genes into certain intestinal cells, the mice began to manufacture insulin. This development may lead to freeing diabetics from the necessity of regular insulin injections. Other research groups however, caution that it will be many years before similar methods are tested on humans.

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In what could prove to be a significant advance in the practice of law enforcement, a police sniper in Connecticut has developed an optical shield for police to use in the course of duty, borrowing from technology already tried in Somalia to diffuse conflict. His low-power, hand-held laser "dazzles" the suspect with such bright light that police can subdue their quarry without resorting to guns. Its green light is claimed to be harmless.



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MEMORIAL DATE FOR 2001

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GENERAL CONVENTIONS FOR 2001

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California, Feb. 17-19; *Florida*, March 16-18; *Massachusetts*, April 28-30

Details

United States

California, February 17, 18, 19 (Saturday-Monday)

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