Blow A Trumpet In Zion (Joel 2:1)

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INTRODUCTION

- The life best lived, the one that is going to have the greatest impact as far as God determines such things, is the godly obedient, servant-minded life.
- Don't put all your hopes in temporal things. Because there's no guarantee.
- It's an urgent summons, an urgent call. The blowing of the trumpet.

1 When God Acts, Never Anything Quite Like That

Joel 2:1–11; Joshua 10; 2 Peter 3

- When God acts, we can say that there's never been anything quite like that.
- Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. Surely it is near.
- There has never been anything like it. Nor will there be again after it.
- That actually happened in the Bible. In Joshua chapter 10. There was no day like it before or after.

2 Return to Me With All Your Heart

Joel 2:12–14

- Yet even now, declares the Lord. Return to me with all your heart.
- I don't want your torn clothes. I want your torn heart.
- Jesus wants us to be penitent in our hearts for the sins that we've committed that caused Jesus' death.
- We have never gone so far and so deep in sin that the penitent heart cannot return.

3 When the People Turn, God Sends New Blessings

Joel 2:17–19

- Then the Lord will be zealous for his land and will have pity on his people.
- Behold, I am sending you grain, new wine, and oil.
- These two verses anticipate. What has always been God's response. That when the people return, when the people turn, he comes to them with new blessings.
- God is now responding to them as they turn from transgression and bringing them bounteous provisions.

4 I Will Pour Out My Spirit

Joel 2:26–32; Matthew 5:6; Acts 2:21

- You shall have plenty to eat and be satisfied. And praise the name of the Lord your God.
- I will pour out my spirit on all mankind. And your sons and daughters will prophesy.

- And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- Joel was anticipating, not just the immediate recovery from the locust invasion, but our recovery from the guilt of our sin.

5 The Bounty That God Has Provided

- This is not just about being purchased from sin. This is about life reclamation.
- We have been brought to relationship with God, our creator.
- We've been brought to fellowship. We've been given purpose.
- The fact that our path is illumined. This is the way I'm supposed to live.
- I have a peace that surpasses all comprehension. That's what we have in Christ when our sins are forgiven.
- And then there's the treasure.

THE CHALLENGE

So have you embraced the bounteous provision for the soul? If you'll just rend your heart and say, I've been wrong, I need the Lord. Repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins.

MY NOTES