



# Feast of Trumpets (Series)

## 1. Awakening

**Leviticus 23:14,23-24 NKJV - 23]** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [24] "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

## Introduction

### Focus: Hearing God's Call in the Noise of Life (Part 1)

In a world full of distractions, it can be difficult to hear God's voice. Yet, in Leviticus 23, we see the Feast of Trumpets as a powerful reminder to pause, listen, and refocus on God. The trumpet blast called the Israelites to wake up spiritually, just as Romans 13:11-12 urges us to awaken from spiritual slumber today.

**Romans 13:11-12 NKJV -** And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. [12] The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

This is a season to put on the "armor of light," to stand firm in faith, and to walk boldly in our calling: the qualities and actions that guard believers from spiritual darkness and sin. It involves walking in truth, integrity, holiness, and the light of Christ.

**Isaiah 58:1 NKJV -** "Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins.

God is ready to move, but it begins with a heartfelt cry for transformation, turning away from sin, and seeking His presence fully.

God is calling you today, just as He called Samuel in 1 Samuel 3. Samuel was a young boy, unprepared yet chosen, and God's voice broke through the silence, awakening him to a divine purpose. This same awakening is happening now - God is calling you out of spiritual slumber,

opening your ears to hear His voice like never before. He is speaking in the quiet moments, urging you to listen and respond.

In this prophetic moment, the Lord is asking, "Will you be ready?" Like Samuel, your willingness to hear and obey will lead you into deeper revelation and purpose. God is calling you to rise, to be spiritually alert, and to align your life with His plans. This is your moment to respond to His voice and step into what He has prepared for you.

## **The Call of the Shepherd: Hear and Follow**

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is calling you by name in this season. He knows you intimately and is guiding you into His purpose. The call is clear, but only those who are spiritually alert will recognize His voice. Now is the time to tune in, cast off distractions, and follow where He leads. The Shepherd is speaking—listen and respond.

John 10:3-4 NKJV - To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

**Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)** – Jesus emphasizes spiritual readiness, using the image of a bridegroom's arrival (which, like the trumpet, calls for alertness).

Matthew 25:1-5 NKJV - "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2] Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. [3] Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. [5] But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

**Prophetically, there is a need of spiritual preparedness.**

Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them: This signifies a superficial commitment to faith without the deeper connection to the Holy Spirit or spiritual readiness.

James 2:19 NKJV - You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-and tremble!

Isaiah 29:13 NKJV - Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

The wise virgins, who took oil with their lamps, symbolize those who are spiritually equipped and ready for the coming of the Lord, maintaining their faith and intimacy with God.

**The oil represents the Holy Spirit and the intimacy with God that keeps believers ready for Christ's return.** The wise virgins, filled with oil, symbolize those who remain vigilant and faithful, while the foolish virgins represent complacency. This passage urges us to stay spiritually equipped and alert, for the Bridegroom's arrival is imminent.

## Prepare for the Bridegroom's Coming

**1. Prepare for the Bridegroom's Coming** - The wise virgins prepared themselves by taking oil, while the foolish ones neglected it. This symbolizes spiritual readiness for the return of Christ, the Bridegroom. **God is calling His people to remain vigilant and prepared in faith, even during delays.** *Matthew 24:44 (NKJV): "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."*

**2, The Importance of Spiritual Reserves:** The oil represents the presence of the Holy Spirit, sustaining the believer. The wise virgins' foresight teaches that it's not enough to have initial faith — **We must continue to nurture and grow in our relationship with God through prayer, worship, and the Word.** *Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV): "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit."*

**3. Divine Delays Test Our Faith:** The bridegroom's delay tested the preparedness of the virgins. **Sometimes, God delays to see if we'll continue to trust Him, or if we'll grow weary and slack in our devotion.** This is a season to renew your commitment and expectation in the promises of God, regardless of delays. *Habakkuk 2:3 (NKJV): "For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry."*