

# The Voice of Hope in Terrible Times

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice (jump) and be glad (cheer) in it! **PS 118.24**



## I. Perspective on the Situation -

2 Tim 3:1 NKJ Last Days, Perilous Time

Eve of Destruction? Or Dawning of Revival?

Totalitarian Mandates? Sexual Anarchy? Women's Sports? Educational Upheaval? Wars?

<Thermostat not Thermometer>

Ro 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are **not worth comparing** with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

## II. The Instructions. Be the VOICE

1 Thess 5:16 **Rejoice** always, 17 **pray** without ceasing, 18 **give thanks** in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <VOCALIZATION> Gen 1:2, John 1

## III. Vision and Voice Work Together

**A. Focus - OVERWHELMED** by grief at the destruction of Zion, Jeremiah changed his focus and found **HOPE** during the destruction of Jerusalem.

We mourn, pray, and find hope in God's promises

Lam. 3:20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. 21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have **hope**:

22 The steadfast love of the LORD **never ceases**;  
his **mercies never come to an end**; [SLIDE 1]

23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

24 "The **LORD** is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." **I AM can never be destroyed!**

## B. VISION for HOPE

- 1 **John 3:1** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- 2 Beloved, we are God's children **now**, and what we will be has **not yet appeared**; but we know that when he **appears** we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. **[SLIDE 2]**
- 3 And **everyone** who thus **hopes** in him purifies himself as he is pure.

## C. Giving VOICE to the VICTORY and the PROMISES

- Rom. 8:31** What then shall we **say** to these things? **5 QUESTIONS**  
If God is for us, who can be against us? **[SLIDE 3]**
- 32 He who did not spare his own Son ... **how will he not also** with him graciously give us all things?
- 33 **Who** shall bring any charge against God's elect? ...
- 34 **Who** is to condemn? Christ Jesus ... is interceding for us!
- 35 **Who** shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...
- 37 **No**, in all these things **we are more than conquerors** **through him** who loved us. **[SLIDE 4 OR "more than conquerors" on back screen]**

## IV. A TIME of Propaganda, Faith, and Declaration

### A. Time of Great Contending

We are ALIVE in a history-making hour of **turning** for the earth ... a time of **birthing** revival, awakening, and reformation!

Holy Spirit is leading the church OUT of Survival INTO Revival!

In the words of Isaiah, it is time to

**Is. 60:1** Arise, shine, for your **light** has come, and the **glory** of the LORD has risen upon you.

**2** For behold, **darkness** shall cover the earth, and **thick darkness** the peoples; but the LORD will arise **upon you**, and his **glory** will be seen upon you.

**3** And **nations shall come** to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

In seasons of great darkness, God's glory rises upon His people. We are in the birth contractions of the greatest harvest the earth has ever seen. Revival is at hand!

## **B. Contending for Peace, Promise, and Blessing - Hez and Isa**

**HEZEKIAH** was a great reformer who turned Judah back to God. He lived **7** generations after **Jehoshaphat**, **12** gen after **David**.

He was exceptionally faithful to the Lord, yet his city, God's city,

**Jerusalem**, was **besieged** by the evil King of Assyria, **Sennacherib**, and was faced with certain **destruction if God didn't intervene**.

(Much as we face in America today.)

The record of this is found in **2 K 18-19, 2Chr. 32, Is. 36-37**.

**Sennacherib** ("Hatred's" increase) was one of the **cruelest** conquerors in history, leaving terror in his wake of destruction. He attempted to conquer Judah and Jerusalem.

This battle for Jerusalem is the background for Isaiah's powerful prophetic word of encouragement:

**Is. 54:17** **no** weapon formed against you shall prosper, and **every** tongue that rises up against you in judgment you **shall** condemn.

## **C. RESISTING Relentless Propaganda**

**Rabshakeh** was the **chief prince** and secretary of PROPAGANDA of

**Sennacherib**, sent to **demoralize** God's people **with his words**, trying to get them to **give up, lay down** and **surrender** the city.

He tried to convince Hezekiah and his leaders that God had forsaken them and would not save them.

Rabshekeh represent the **demonic assignment against believers, leaders, and even nations today**. He was the **voice** of Sennacherib, the voice of the devil.

He targeted the minds of God's people, in order to **define the narrative** by relentlessly filling the atmosphere with lies.

**Rabshakeh's voice filled the air** with accusations against who God is, against the leaders, exaggerating the impossibility of their situation.

**Don't let the enemy get in your head! God is a God of HOPE!**

**There is a relentless voice that is trying to talk believers out of their divine assignments.**

The voice of the enemy will try to convince you that all your **prayers** and decrees have been **for nothing** and that in the end, **God will not do** what He said.

The voice of the enemy will try to wear you down  
with **accusations, intimidations & frustrations**

so that your strength to **birth** revival and **fulfill** your calling is exhausted and you seek only to survive.

**Is it possible** to be **pregnant** with revival and **not have the strength** to bring it forth?

Is it possible to be **pregnant** with your **miracle answer** but it is **aborted** or **stillborn** because you **give up** or get **so distracted** with problems that you **lose** your **focus** or your **faith** in God?

Is it possible to **no longer have strength** to **stand** for the **destiny** of your nation because of **mental exhaustion**?

## D. The VOICE of the Lord

The defining battle is over **which voice is controlling the narrative.**  
It is imperative we listen for the voice of God.

Ps 29:4 declares that “the voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.”

God’s voice always brings victory!

**Be aware** of what our voices are saying.

Do my words align with God’s voice?

**Be alert** to the enemy’s voice and his nuclear missiles of negativity, hopelessness, and fear.

Every day we are assaulted by an antichrist barrage of words.

The goal of Cancel Culture is to get believers, prayer warriors, and reformers to back down, break down and surrender.

The battle over the voice is fueling the battle for our nation.

In this **tipping point** of history, God’s ekklesia must unite to stand against this demonic attack to see righteousness and justice re-established in our land by **releasing our voice** and God’s decree against all the lies of the enemy.

## IV. TIME to Move from Besiegement to Breakthrough!

### A. Resist, Don’t be Passive

King Hezekiah did not let Rabshakeh’s propaganda steal God’s land. Instead, he strengthened the city practically.

AND He cried out in prayer and repentance. From this, his strength was renewed and he could encourage his people with these powerful words:

**2 Chronicles 32:7** “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria and all the horde that is with him, for **there are more with us than with him.** **8** With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people took confidence (strengthened) from the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

These are powerful encouragement during perilous times!

### **B. Pray, Believe the Prophetic Promises, Declare**

Hezekiah processed the bad news, by laying the accusations of the enemy on the altar and lifting his voice to God in prayer.

He also sent for Isaiah the prophet, to get a Word from God for the nation.

The synergy of godly government, prayer, and the prophetic anointing create a dynamic for breakthrough.

Isaiah told Hezekiah that the Lord had heard his prayers; He would defend the city and save their nation! He then released a prophetic word of breakthrough that sounded impossible, declaring God would fight for them.

That night **God sent one angel who wiped out 185,000 Assyrians!** Rabshakeh and Sennacherib both returned to their own country, only to be killed by their own people. God fought for Judah!

Dedicated prayer, powerful prophecy, and anointed decrees shifted the battle and brought heavenly intervention!

Victory was manifested as God mobilized the angel armies to overthrow the enemy.

### C. Hear, Believe, Stand

As we position ourselves just as Hezekiah did, setting ourselves to

seek the Lord,

hear His voice, and

put our trust in Him to fight for us,

we will see every voice of the accuser struck down,

every besiegement destroyed and

everything stolen returned in abundance.

Hezekiah's name means "Jah is my strength."

In this time of contending, God will restore our strength physically, emotionally, and spiritually so we can fulfill our divine assignment.

### VI. The Voice of the Lord Shatters the Enemy!

The Lord turned the evil the enemy meant against the reformer back on his own head!

Isaiah also prophesied about this.

His word is part of God's battle strategy for us today in order to break out of the survival of besiegement, into revival for a new day:

Is. 30:31(NIV) The **voice of the LORD** will **shatter** Assyria; with his scepter he will strike them down. **32 Every stroke** the LORD lays on them with his punishing rod **will be to the music of tambourines and harps**, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm.

So rise up reformers! Be strong, people of God!

Seek the Lord and hear His voice. Shake off every chain of discouragement and fear, resist Rabshakeh's voice from getting in your head, and the voice of the Lord will shatter your enemy!

**Pray with me:**

Lord, let Your voice be louder than the voice of the enemy, for Your words are life to me.

I submit myself to You,

I resist the enemy and he must flee.

I evict every lie and

draw upon Your supernatural strength to sustain me and give me victory in every battle. In Jesus' name.

**BRYAN** 2 Chron 7:14 (on knees) Forgiveness & Healing the Land

National Sovereignty, International Peace -**Abby**

Family and the Future -**Ben** (groups of 3-4)

Band -**Tiff**

Creative Wisdom in Business & Recovery in Economy- **Jolene**

Shaping the Future in Education- **Matt Buckwalter**

Truth in Media /Beauty, Life, and Purity in A & E - **Chandy**

Band - **Tiff**

**Chas** – Revival, Breakthrough. **Close**

**Psa. 100:1** **Make a joyful noise** to the LORD, **all the earth!**

**2** **Serve** the LORD with gladness!

**Come** into his presence with singing!



- 3 **Know** that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 **Enter** his gates with **thanksgiving**,  
and his courts with **praise**!  
**Give thanks** to him; **bless** his name!
- 5 For the LORD is **good**; his **steadfast love** endures forever,  
and his **faithfulness** to all generations.

**He renews our MINDS with his AFFECTION (kiss of love)!**

## **V. God of Hope**

**Rom. 15:13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **[SLIDE 13]**

**STAY IN LOVE;**

**STAY BOLD;**

**DO NOT GET CANCELED;**