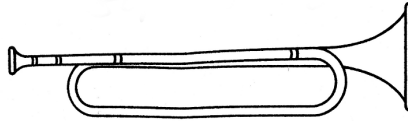


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**BIBLE TRUMPET**  
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*Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet  
and show my people their transgression...*  
Isa. 58:1



*For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,  
who shall prepare himself to the battle?*  
1 Cor. 14:8

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## *The Pastor's Paragraph*

*As we approach the month of Thanksgiving, I hope that you are truly thankful. I have learned that things can always be worse, so we should just be thankful for who we are, and what we have. In the Book of Job, Chapter 1, we read that we come into the world naked, and we will leave the world the same way, so whatever happens in the meantime, is by the grace of God.*

*From all of us at Faith Baptist Church, we wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.*

*-Pastor Cole*



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## What Does God Count?

**"I counted dollars while God  
counted crosses,  
I counted gains while  
He counted losses.  
I counted my worth by the  
things gained in store,  
But He sized me up by the  
scars that I bore;  
I coveted honors and  
sought degrees,  
He wept as He counted the  
hours on my knees,  
And I never knew till  
one day at a grave,  
How vain are the things that  
we spend life to save.**

## Something for Which to Give Thanks

*"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thess. 5:18)*

*Even though I groan when the alarm rings each morning, thank you Lord that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.*

*Even though I keep my eyes closed tightly against the morning light as long as possible, thank you Lord that I can see. There are many who are blind.*

*Even though the first hours of the day are hectic, when socks are lost, toast burns, and tempers are short, thank you Lord for those wonderful children to get off to school. There are many who are childless.*

*Even though I sometimes maintain a martyred silence when I should speak, and I spout forth when I should remain silent, thank you Lord for the gift of speech. There are many who are mute.*

*Even though our breakfast table never looks like pictures in the ladies' magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you Lord for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.*

*Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you Lord for the opportunity to work, for there are many who are unemployed. Even though my spouse complains that I do not listen to his words and he pays less attention to my ideas and my wise instructions, thank you Lord that we have each other. There are many who have no one.*

*Even though I do not always approve of the way our country is run, thank you Lord that I live in the greatest nation on earth.*

*Even though I grumble and gripe and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my modest circumstances were not so modest, thank you Lord for the gift of life.*

*Copied  
The Cross*

## Proclamation to All ye Pilgrims

Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render Thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all his blessings.

-William Bradford  
Ye Governor of Ye Colony

*The first Thanksgiving Proclamation was made by Governor Bradford three years after the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth. His words held special meaning for the Pilgrims who had gone through indescribable hardships in settling their new homelands.*

## TRICKY TRIVIA

### *This Month's Question:*

*As Jesus died on the cross, God sent darkness. How long did this darkness last?*

### Answer to last month's question.

*In last month's "Tricky Trivia" question, we asked:*

*What is the first recorded statement by Jesus Christ found in the Bible?*

*Answer:  
Luke 2:49*

*"How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"*

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## How Many Churches Would Want This Man As Pastor?

The other day a member of the Pulpit Committee of a certain church read a letter purporting to come from an applicant:

"I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with some success, and also had some success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a leader most places I've been.

"I am over 50 years of age. I have never preached in one place more than three years. In some places I have left town after my work has caused riots and disturbances.

"I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing.

"My health is not too good, though I still get a great deal done.

"The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities.

"I've not got along too well with religious leaders in towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me and even attacked me physically.

"I am not too good at keeping records, I have even been known to forget whom I have baptized.

"However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you."

The committee member looked over his fellows and said: "Well, what do you think? Shall we call him?"

The others were aghast. Hire an unhealthy, trouble making, absent-minded ex-jailbird? Was the man who read the letter crazy? Who was the applicant, anyway? Who would have such colossal nerve?

"Oh," said the man who had read the letter, "It's just signed, 'Apostle Paul'."

-Author Unknown

## Sentence Sermons

- You cannot control the length of your life, but you can control its breadth, depth and height.

- A child is not likely to find a Father in God unless he finds something of God in his father.

- Do not study the Bible "hit" and "miss". No doubt, you will "miss" more than you "hit".

- He who is on the road to Heaven will not be content to go there alone.

- The guy who looks for a shortcut on the road to success is apt to run into a dead-end street.

- You seldom see a man out of breath from running from temptation.

- Heaven will be a bargain, however great the cost.

## The Trouble Tree

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward, he walked to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and children. So I just hang them on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again." He paused, "funny thing is", he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there ain't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

-Author Unknown

**SGT. ALVIN YORK**  
**(Dec. 13, 1887 - Sept. 2, 1964)**  
**God's Reluctant Hero**  
**By Barry Britton, U.S.A., Ret.**

“He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.”  
(Isaiah 40:29)

The name Sergeant Alvin York is fixed in the minds of Americans as the most heroic soldier of World War I. Born in 1887 and raised in the backwoods of Pall Mall, Tennessee, Alvin York was the third oldest of eleven children from an impoverished family. Alvin's father died when he was 24, and Alvin was expected to shoulder much of the responsibility for the family's welfare. Instead, he lived a wild life of drinking and self-indulgence until the Lord got his attention after a bar fight that left his best friend dead. At this time he yielded to the prayers and urgings of his mother and responded to an evangelist's preaching during revival services by putting his faith in Jesus Christ. The results were spectacular. Soon Alvin was not only a dedicated Christian but a leader in the church.

On April 2, 1917, the U.S. declared war on Germany in order to “make the world safe for democracy.” Shortly thereafter, Alvin got his draft notice and began to struggle with conflicting loyalties. As a patriot he felt obliged to answer the call to duty, and as a Christian he had sincere doubts about going to war. He reported for duty, still struggling with inner conflicts. Fortunately, he had a patient commander who helped him resolve the issue. After much counsel, prayer, and study of the scriptures, Alvin finally reached the conclusion that God wanted him to fight.

This set the stage for the remarkable circumstances that propelled Alvin to the national limelight as his Army unit participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive in northeast France. Against amazing odds, Corporal York (at the time) was able to silence thirty harassing enemy machine guns, kill twenty-five of the enemy single-handedly, and, with very little assistance, take captive 132 Germans. He accomplished all this under such intense enemy resistance and overwhelming odds that no one could argue with Corporal York's assessment that, “There can be no doubt in the world that the fact of divine power being in that (deliverance). No other power under heaven could bring a man out of a place like that. Men were killed on both sides of me; and I was the biggest and most exposed of all. Over thirty machine guns were maintaining rapid fire at me, point-blank from a range of about twenty-five yards.” He concluded, “So you can see that God will be with you if you will only trust Him; and I say that he did save me. Now, He will save you if you will only trust Him.”

We may never fully know why the Lord chose to use a man like Sgt. Alvin York to accomplish such a mighty deed and to be awarded with a Medal of Honor and national fame. Undoubtedly, many other brave and Godly men have given their lives and their deeds will never be known. But there is something very refreshing and inspiring about a simple and humble man, a man of faith, accomplishing great deeds and giving all of the glory to God.

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