



**LifeBridge**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship Service  
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## JOEL: Turn to the Lord

Lesson Two • Joel 2:1-17  
**The Alarm Sounds**

### Sound the Alarm!

God is calling us to take SERIOUSLY the impact of His coming judgment knowing that it can only be endured by turning to Him with torn hearts.

*Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near. Joel 2:1*

*"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to Me with all your heart." Joel 2:12*

### The Alarm Sounds

## 1. TREMBLE Before the God Who Judges in Righteousness! vs. 1-11

### **First Trumpet Blast: The Day of the Lord Is Near!**

This is God's WARNING that judgment is coming (vs. 1).  
God warns us because He loves us.

### **The Day of the Lord**

- It is day of thick DARKNESS (vs. 2, 10).
  
- It is day of horrible DEVASTATION (vs. 3).
  
- It is a day of foreboding DREAD (vs. 4-11).

## 2. TURN Back to the God Who Relents in Lovingkindness! vs. 12-17

### **Second Trumpet Blast: The Mercy of the Lord Is Here!**

This is God's gracious and merciful INVITATION for His people to gather together to repent of sin and depend on Him for deliverance from His coming judgment (vs. 15-16).

### **Turning Back to the Lord in Repentance**

- The mark of repentance is a torn HEART, not garments (vs. 12-13).
  
- The grounds of repentance is the Lord's CHARACTER (vs. 13-14).
  
- The assurance of repentance is the Lord's NAME and glory (vs. 17).

### **The Day of the Lord Is Coming! Are You Prepared?**

The coming Day of the Lord should lead us to turn to JESUS CHRIST in repentance of sin and dependence on Him for our salvation.

*And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.  
Joel 2:32*

*For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
Romans 10:13*