

TOOLS FOR THE CALL

I. INTRO

- A. YOU are called – yes you!
- B. Protestant Reformation – everyone has a call.

II. WORDS FOR CALL:

- A. Assembly = Aydaw (Hebrew) – Testimony, Witness, Assembly
- B. Calling = Klesis from calleo – called, bidding, one whose name was called out
- C. Elect = select, elect, favorite, chosen

III. WHO CAN BE CALLED

- A. The Jews = the Jews were called both as a nation and individuals who follow God, and later, the Law.
- B. Nations can be called = The Jews knew they were called as a tribe or nation.
- C. All the Nations can be called, especially in Christ Jesus.

Luke 2:29-32

- (29) Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:**
- (30) For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,**
- (31) Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;**
- (32) A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.**

IV. WATCHERS

- A. Any person or group of people who have a call have a watcher over that call (an angel).
- B. Every person has a guardian angel. Those angels who guard believers have a special charge to keep them in the way.

Matthew 18:10

- (10) Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.**

- C. There are angels watching over households, cities, states, nations, and churches.

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

V. TOOLS FOR THE CALL

- A. The Lord told me my life was in my call.

B. The Gifts – I Corinthians 12

C. The fruit

Galatians 5:18-23

(17) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

(18) But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

(19) Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

(20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

(21) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

(22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

(23) Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

VI. WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FALL SHORT OF THE CALL?

A. God's Spirit withdraws –

Psalms 138:6

(6) Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

B. The angel assigned to you have different charges compared to whether you are a believer or unbeliever. One is based on God's favor/salvation, the other on his mercy and sovereignty.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

C. If a church, assembly or nation falls short of its call, God will eventually send judgment:

1. The Golden Calf – God was going to kill them, Then send his angel, finely through the intercession of Moses, God promised to go with them.
2. Achan
3. Saul
4. The church of Ephesus

Revelation 2:4-5

(4) Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

(5) Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

5. Ananias and Saphira
6. From this we can see that God needs accountability in assemblies and nations for them to fulfill the call, not just for individuals.

VII. WALKING IN THE WAY

Hebrews 3:14-19

- (14) For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;
- (15) While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.
- (16) For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.
- (17) But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?
- (18) And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?
- (19) So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

- A. When you walk with the Lord, you learn to hear his voice, like Samuel did while he was still a child, and he walked with the Lord his whole life.

Psalms 25:14-15

- (14) The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.
- (15) Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Isaiah 30:21

- (21) And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

- B. Enoch

Genesis 5:23-24

- (23) And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:
- (24) And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

- C. Moses

Psalms 103:7-13

- (7) He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
- (8) The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- (9) He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- (10) He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
- (11) For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

(12) As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

(13) Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

D. Jesus

John 3:34-35 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. (35) The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

VIII. LIVING IN THE SECRET PLACE.

What is needed for today. These are the days of Noah, and for those who can't hear the Lord's voice, He will come like a thief in the night.

Psalm 91:1-16

(1) He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

(2) I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

(3) Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

(4) He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

(5) Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

(6) Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

(7) A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

(8) Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

(9) Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

(10) There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

(11) For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

(12) They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

(13) Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

(14) Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

(15) He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

(16) With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.