

THE CALLING OF GOD

CALLING

Calling, or being called by God, is the time when God chooses a person to use them in many different ways.

People are called to perform different kinds of work, according to the various works of God.

You may be called to be:

- A Prophet
- A Preacher
- A Shepherd (Pastor, Bishop, Archbishop, Apostle)
- An Intercessor
- A Singer
- An Evangelist
- An Archdeacon
- A Deacon

HISTORY OF THE CALLING

In the year 2091 BC, before the birth of Jesus Christ, in the eastern part of the continent of Asia, in the country of Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq), there was a 75-year-old man named Abram. Abram was the son of a man named Terah, and his father Terah worked in making (creating) idols.

One day Abram was quietly in his home when he heard a voice he had never heard during all the years of his life. He heard the voice, but he did not see the person speaking to him. This is how it happened:

Genesis 12:1 The LORD Sends Abram to Canaan

The LORD commanded Abram: "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's household, and go to the country that I will show you."

This is how Abram was called: he was not called by a person, but by God.

He was told what he had to do, and he went and did as God had told him. God asked him to leave his father's house and leave his country because God was going to send him to his inheritance.

In the calling, there are times when it becomes necessary to separate from your family so that you can follow and reach the calling to which God calls you, because there are relationships you cannot attain while continuing to walk with family traditions. That is why God first separates you from the traditions of your family and from the ways of the world.

These are some of the stories of calling, although there are other examples of calling.

REASON FOR THE CALLING

God wants to make His will known to the world and also to do very great things. That is why God needs people to tell others what He has said and to do great things among them.

Because God is Spirit, in order to come close to people, He needs to work through the body, although He also works in the spirit.

When God calls a person to use them, He gives them everything required so that they will not have obstacles in their work. For example:

Exodus 3:11–12

Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should dare to approach Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

He answered him, "Certainly I will be with you. The sign that it is I who have sent you will be this: when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

The first thing God gives you when He sends you is Himself.

Exodus 4:2–4

The LORD asked him, "What is that in your hand?"

He answered, "It is a staff."

He said, "Throw it on the ground." He threw it on the ground, and it became a snake, and Moses fled from it. The LORD said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." He reached out his hand and took it, and it became a staff again in his hand.

God gave Moses a staff, and that staff became a staff that performed miracles. In another way, the staff represents authority. When God calls you, He gives you authority. Some of it is this:

Mark 16:17–18

“And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out evil spirits; they will speak in new tongues.”

“They will pick up snakes; and if they drink anything deadly, it will not harm them; they will place their hands on the sick, and they will get well.”

Luke 10:19

“Behold, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will harm you at all.”

Hallelujah! That is the authority—the staff God gives you when He sends you.

BATTLES IN THE CALLING

There are many battles in the calling because Satan, the enemy, does not want the work that has been started to progress. One of the first weapons the enemy uses to try to remove a calling is threats and conspiracy.

Nehemiah 6:9

“They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, ‘Their hands will become weak and the work will not be completed.’ But now, O God, strengthen my hands!”

Nehemiah’s enemies threatened him, thinking that he would become discouraged and afraid and then abandon the work he had been given to rebuild Jerusalem. Although he had permission from the king to build, his enemies made up false stories so that he would become afraid.

In the calling, even though you have authority and are with the Lord, it sometimes happens that the enemy accuses you with false accusations in order to weaken you and make you abandon the work you have been called to do. When this happens, this is what you should answer him:

Nehemiah 6:3–4

“I am carrying out a great work and cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?” They sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same way.

Hallelujah! Nehemiah gave a very powerful answer. Nehemiah was truly determined to do the work!

When these battles arise in the calling, this is how we should respond. This is what we should tell Satan and all discouragers.

Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Mark 10:29–30

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and for the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields, along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.”

That is how it goes when we continue in the calling. When we are not discouraged by people, traps, Satan, and all enemies in general, we reap. God rewards us.

He called Abraham and then rewarded him; Moses as well, and many others. There are rewards for you too.

WATCHING OVER THE CALLING

Watching over the calling means protecting or maintaining the relationship you have with the One who called you, Jesus Christ. Here is how to have fellowship with Him:

- Prayer

Ephesians 6:18

“Pray in the Spirit at all times with every kind of prayer and supplication, and stay alert in this, praying for all the saints.”

- Reading the Word of God

Joshua 1:8

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will prosper in your way and be successful.”

- Righteousness

Isaiah 32:17

“The work of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and assured hope forever.”

- Contentment

1 Timothy 6:6

“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.”

- Diligence

Romans 12:11

“Never be lacking in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.”

- Living in peace with others

Hebrews 12:14

“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”

God will connect you with the right people with whom you will work. He will give you ways to serve Him if you allow Him to use you. Do not worry: you will not go hungry, you will not be left without clothing, and

you will not be frustrated, because God provides for the one He sends.

I wish you to enter into your calling, the calling to which God has called you to work, because that is the purpose of life. Now fulfill God's plan for your life; enter into the calling.

Be blessed!