

Hebrews 5.4-8

Just as Aaron Was

It is important for us to understand that God is the One who chooses His instruments. That no one He chooses is worthy of being chosen, that no one completely fulfills his calling. But that all are called to do so. There are no excuses capable of getting you opted out, and no failures that will make God unlove you. But there are consequences which we must face, and there are difficulties which we purchase by our rebellions.

I. AARON DID NOT CHOOSE –

No man takes the honor of being used by God;
“Just as Aaron”

Exodus 4.10-17

Exodus 24.12-15

Exodus 28.1-4

- a. Did not volunteer
- b. Was not even aware of the conversation that drafted him

- c. Obedient to do the little things
 - i. Was the voice of Moses
 - ii. Did the things that God commanded
 - 1. Throw down rod
 - 2. Strike the Nile
 - 3. Stretch out the rod over Egypt etc...
 - iii. Became the bigger thing
 - 1. The High Priest of God
 - 2. The beginning of the priesthood
 - 3. Dynastic beginning of intercessor's role

II. AARON FAILED

Failed in the Calling for he was human and flawed

- a. Even while being chosen, Aaron was leading the people into sin

Exodus 32.1-6

- b. When the wrath of God (and Moses) was leveled, Aaron did not intercede nor did he take responsibility, but rather cried out "its not my fault - they made me do it" –

Exodus 32.19-24

- c. Lied about his own part in the rebellion –

cf: v 24 ~ vv 2-4

- i. "I threw the gold in and out popped this calf"
 - ii. Really he ordered the gold brought and then fashioned the calf himself...
- d. Israel (and later, his own family) bore the cost of his failure to restrain them
 - i. Israel was plagued by God
 - ii. His sons learned to despise the God they served
 - iii. The priesthood would pass from his direct family

III. CHRIST SUCCEEDED FOR US –

HE is chosen, we are chosen in Him

- a. God Himself is the author of life and the Selector of the instruments He will use

Ephesians 1.3-6

Romans 9.10-13

- i. We do not have any say in who God chooses
 - ii. We do not have any say in what He chooses to do through who He chooses
 - iii. We do not have the right to argue, deny or refuse
 - iv. God will choose and do what He chooses to do
- b. Every person ever chosen by God is in no manner worthy.
 - i. Moses refused His calling
 - ii. Aaron was faithless in keeping the people aimed at God
 - iii. Abraham was a faithless liar

- iv. Jacob was a ruthless deceiver and thief
 - v. David was a murdering adulterer
 - vi. Solomon refused to live out the wisdom God gave him...
 - vii. Elijah was afraid and depressed
 - viii. Isaiah was a blasphemer...
- c. Christ ALONE is perfect, faithful and worthy –

Hebrews 1.1-4

Hebrews 12.1-2

- i. He was completely obedient to the Law on our behalf
- ii. He always pointed and points us to God
- iii. Forgiveness is always offered from His hand

Revelation 3.19-21

- iv. He stood up in our place when our sin was judged and offered Himself IN OUR place - saying charge their sin to MY account. I will pay the last drop...

Hebrews 10.11-14

- v. Then He did just that - Jesus consumed our portion of hell and drained the cup of God's wrath to the very dregs for the people who are under His wing...

John 3.35-36

- vi. Having Been Chosen, He chose to be faithful.

Philippians 2.5-11

- vii. The blessing of His faithfulness is the inheritance of all who trust in Him.