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Those who are the called according to GOD’s purpose are no different in and of themselves, than those who are left to wander in the darkness and ultimately reap the just reward of their disobedience. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”* The clear teaching of the scriptures is that the sons of GOD are saved totally by grace and not in any wise owing to anything they have done or said. There were many sheep herders on the plains around Ur of the Chaldees, but it was unto Abram (later called Abraham) that the LORD spoke this commandment, *“Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:”* This is a scenario which is repeated many times in the scriptures; such as with Noah who found grace in the eyes of the LORD; the widow of Zarephath to whose house the prophet was sent, or Lydia, whose heart the LORD opened, to name just a few.

There was no debate or decision that was made by Abraham since it was true then, even as it was when the LORD JESUS spoke these words, *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”* The LORD had determined to bless Abraham and his call was but the evidence of HIS appointed purpose. There were no conditions involved but there was an action on the part of Abraham, which was a product of the same grace that called him, he *“obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.”* *“Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power.”* Where you find men, who are not willing to follow the LORD JESUS, you will find those who are not called.

Many of the carnal descendants of the house of Israel, believe that these promises which were made to Abraham and his “seed”, that they partake of these “promises” by their natural birth and are those called by the LORD simply because of their nativity. Paul was very clear to WHOM these promises were made. *“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”* All of the promises of GOD are found in JESUS CHRIST. HE is the ONE to WHOM these promises were made and HE is the ONE who has taken possession of those promises in establishing HIS kingdom in the earth.

The calling of Abraham is but an illustration of the extent of that Kingdom. As Abraham journeyed he pitched his tent and built an altar of worship unto the ONE who had called him. Those who are called by the grace of GOD will be found worshipping at the footstool of HIM who has purchased their eternal redemption. They will lift up the NAME of CHRIST as a NAME above all names.

Abraham believed GOD and embraced the PROMISE of GOD, even before he saw it completely fulfilled. Even as GOD has determined to save HIS people before HE is pleased to call them. HIS call of them is evidence of this determination. Abraham never actually possessed any of the land which was promised to him. Even though he was called out of Haran as a man mightily blessed of GOD, he was never anything more than a sojourner in a strange land. Yet he confessed, that *“he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”* In like fashion those who are called by the LORD rejoice in the PROMISE of GOD and yearn for a complete manifestation of the redemption which is promised, yet they find in themselves such a weakness in their flesh that they fear being consumed by it.

The LORD gives to HIS children a “thorn in the flesh” which we find described for us in the book of Galatians, *“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.”* This warfare is accomplished in the sons of GOD to teach them that HIS grace is sufficient, and that they stand only because of HIS strength and not their own.

So, the children of GOD, when called by the LORD, do indeed confess that they are strangers and sojourners in this world but they are also very much beset by the “sin that dwelleth in them”. They desire to be found among those who worship HIM in SPIRIT and TRUTH, yet they are made to lament the fact that even their repentance needs to be repented of. They are yet “in the world”, though they are not “of the world”. They look for a CITY with FOUNDATIONS, confessing that JESUS CHRIST alone is their RIGHTEOUSNESS. They are given an abiding HOPE in CHRIST and taught by HIS SPIRIT that HE will never leave them nor forsake them. *“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.”* Is this world your home or are you merely passing through, looking for a CITY, which has a FOUNDATION. One which is not made with hands.

“Thy free grace alone,”#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net**