

The Called Out Ones

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Introduction:

Did you know that YOU - and your young children - are the "called out ones"?

Or... That you have been called out by God, called out of this world to learn to live His way of life now.

This is an important calling:

Matthew 24:21 NKJV - "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

*Matthew 24:22 NKJV - "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; **but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.***

*Mark 13:20 KJV - And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: **but for the elect's sake**, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.*

Elect = G1599 = **ἐκλεκτός** *eklektós*, ek-lek-tos'; from G1586; select; by implication, favorite:—chosen, elect. The KJV translates Strong's G1588 in the following manner: **elect** (16x), **chosen** (7x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. picked out, chosen

1. **chosen by God,**

A. **to obtain salvation through Christ**

i. **Christians are called "chosen or elect" of God**

B. the Messiah is called "elect", as appointed by God to the most exalted office conceivable

C. choice, select, i.e. the best of its kind or class, excellence preeminent: applied to certain individual Christians

Matthew 16:18 NKJV - "And I also say to you that you are Peter [G4074 =Petros = a stone], and on this rock [G4073 = Petra = rock] **I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

Church, congregation = G1577 = **ἐκκλησία** *ekklēsia*, ek-klay-see'-ah; from a compound of G1537 and a derivative of G2564; **a calling out**, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both):—assembly, church.

Jesus is building HIS church... of those called out by God the Father.

John 1:42 KJV - And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

From Thayers Greek: [Matthew 16:18](#) (some interpretations regard the distinction (generally observed in classic Greek; see the commentaries and cf. Schmidt, Syn., chapter 51, §§ 4-6) between **πέτρα**, the massive living rock, and **πέτρος**, a detached but large fragment, as important for the correct understanding of this passage;

Specific Purpose of this Message:

Today we're going to delve deeper into what it means to be called out by God to be part of His Church - His called out ones!

Need:

Do not take this calling for granted. Don't despise God's calling.

God called Abram out



Genesis 11:26 NKJV - Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Genesis 11:27 NKJV - This [is] the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot **Abram**, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot.

Genesis 11:28 NKJV - And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

Genesis 11:29 NKJV - Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife [was] Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah.

Genesis 11:30 NKJV - But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

Genesis 11:31 NKJV - And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and **they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they**

came to Haran and dwelt there.

Genesis 11:32 NKJV - So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 12:1 NKJV - Now the LORD had said to Abram: "**Get out** of your country, From your family And from your father's house, **To a land that I will show you.**"

Abram was CALLED to a place he did not know. He had to have faith to leave..

From Albert Barnes Commentary:

Having brought the affairs of Terah's family to a fit resting point, the sacred writer now reverts to the call of Abram. This, we have seen, took place when he was **seventy years of age**, and therefore five years before the death of Terah.

As an older person it is encouraging to see that God did not view older people as done or of no future use... Also the example of Moses leading Israel out of Egypt at 80 after

2 different lives - first 40 in Egypt, the second in Midia as a shepherd.

So we see God calls people at different times of their lives, some old, some very young. He has a plan a purpose. We just don't always see why or where He is leading us. It takes FAITH on our part to follow.

"The Lord said unto Abram." Four hundred and twenty-two years on the lowest calculation after the last recorded communication with Noah, the Lord again opens his mouth, to Abram. Noah, Shem, or Heber, must have been in communication with heaven, indeed, at the time of the confusion of tongues, and hence, we have an account of that miraculous interposition. The call of Abram consists of a command and a promise. The command is to leave the place of all his old and fond associations, for a land which he had not yet seen, and therefore did not know. **Three ties are to be severed in complying with this command** - his country, in the widest range of his affections; - his place of birth and kindred comes closer to his heart; - his father's house is the inmost circle of all his tender emotions.

All these are to be resigned; not, however, without reason. The reason may not be entirely obvious to the mind of Abram. **But he has entire faith in the reasonableness of what God proposes.** So with reason and faith he is willing to go to the unknown land. It is enough that God will show him the land to which he is now sent.

Genesis 12:2 NKJV - I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Albert Barnes, continued:

The promise corresponds to the command. If he is to lose much by his exile, he will also gain in the end. The promise contains a lower and higher blessing. The lower blessing has three parts:

"First, I will make of thee a great nation." This will compensate for the loss of his country. The nation to which he had hitherto belonged was fast sinking into polytheism and idolatry. To escape from it and its defiling influence was itself a benefit; but to be made himself the head of a chosen nation was a double blessing.

Sometimes God moves us out of our comfortable surroundings so we can get a new perspective and makes it easier for us to change. God also does this with Moses, taking him out of Egypt to Midian where he learns to care for sheep and goats - ie to become a shepherd. And learn humility and meekness.

Secondly, "And bless thee." The place of his birth and kindred was the scene of all his past earthly joys. But the Lord will make up the loss to him in a purer and safer scene of temporal prosperity.

Leaving family behind makes us more dependent upon God to provide. He becomes our "Father".

Genesis 2:24 NKJV - Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Matthew 19:4 NKJV - And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made [them] at the beginning 'made them male and female,'

*Matthew 19:5 NKJV - "and said, 'For this reason a man shall **leave his father and mother** and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?*

Matthew 19:6 NKJV - "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Thirdly, "And make thy name great." This was to compensate him for his father's house. He was to be the patriarch of a new house, on account of which he would be known and venerated all over the world.

No longer known as Terah's son...

*Genesis 17:1 NKJV - When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I [am] Almighty God; **walk before Me and be blameless.***

*Genesis 17:2 NKJV - "And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and **will multiply you exceedingly.**"*

Genesis 17:3 NKJV - Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying:

Genesis 17:4 NKJV - "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

Genesis 17:5 NKJV - "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.

Will God also give us a new name?

Revelation 3:12 NKJV - "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And [I will write on him] My new name.

Genesis 17:6 NKJV - "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

Genesis 17:7 NKJV - "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

*Genesis 17:8 NKJV - "**Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**"*

Genesis 18:17 NKJV - And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,

Genesis 18:18 NKJV - "since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

*Genesis 18:19 NKJV - "**For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.**"*

Genesis 18:20 NKJV - And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave,

Genesis 18:21 NKJV - "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

Genesis 12:3 NKJV - I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:4 NKJV - So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram [was] seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Acts 7:2 NKJV - And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

Acts 7:3 NKJV - "and said to him, 'Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.'

Acts 7:4 NKJV - "Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell.

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Acts 7:37 NKJV - "This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.'

Acts 7:38 NKJV - "This is **he** who was in **the congregation in the wilderness** with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and [with] our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,

KJV: This is he, that was in **the church in the wilderness** with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

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- I. a gathering of citizens **called out** from their homes into some public place, an assembly
 - A. an assembly of the people convened at the public place of the council for the purpose of deliberating
 - B. **the assembly of the Israelites**
 - C. any gathering or throng of men assembled by chance, tumultuously
 - D. in a Christian sense
 1. an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting
 2. a company of Christian, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, observe their own religious rites, hold their own religious meetings, and manage their own affairs, according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake
 3. those who anywhere, in a city, village, constitute such a company and are united into one body

4. the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth
5. the assembly of faithful Christians already dead and received into heaven

Told to come out of end time "Babylon":

Revelation 18:1 NKJV - After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

Revelation 18:2 NKJV - And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

Revelation 18:3 NKJV - "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

Revelation 18:4 NKJV - And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "**Come out of her, my people**, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

Revelation 18:5 NKJV - "For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Lot told to come out of Sodom...

Genesis 19:14 NKJV - So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, **get out of this place**; for the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.

God is the one who does the calling:

John 6:43 NKJV - Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves.

*John 6:44 NKJV - "**No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him**; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

John 6:45 NKJV - "It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

The individual that God the Father calls must repent and accept Jesus Christ, and then be baptized.

Acts 2:38 NKJV - Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 2:39 NKJV - "For the promise is to you and **to your children**, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."*

THIS CALLING INCLUDES YOUR CHILDREN:

1 Corinthians 7:14 KJV - For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

Amplified: For the unbelieving husband is [fn]sanctified [that is, he receives the blessings granted] through his [Christian] wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise

*your children would be [ceremonially] **[fn]**unclean, but as it is they are **holy**.*

Holy = G40 = **ἅγιος hágios**, hag'-ee-os; from ἅγιος hágios (an awful thing) (compare G53, H2282); sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated):—(most) holy (one, thing), **saint**.

Are children are set apart. They are called to be saints. They have God's spirit working with them, NOT YET in them. But with no question (unless their parents are not truly converted) that they are indeed called just as their parents are!

*John 14:17 NKJV - "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; **but you know Him**, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

Our children KNOW GOD, or can, if guide them and teach them.
The door is open to them.

le Acts 2:39 *"the promise is to you and **to your children**" !!!*

*Romans 1:7 KJV - To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, **called [to be] saints:[G40]** Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*1 Corinthians 1:2 KJV - Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are **sanctified in Christ Jesus, called [to be] saints,[G40]** with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:*

*1 Corinthians 6:2 KJV - **Do ye not know that the saints[G40] shall judge the world?** and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?*

le the physical kings and priests in the Kingdom of God, depending upon their age at Christ's return.

*Ephesians 2:19 KJV - Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens with the saints,[G40] and of the household of God;***

*Colossians 1:26 KJV - [Even] the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is **made manifest to his saints:[G40]***

*1 Thessalonians 3:13 KJV - To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.[G40]***

*Jude 1:3 KJV - Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort [you] that ye should earnestly contend for **the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.[G40]***

From Thayer on "holy":

a. of things which on account of some connection with God possess a certain distinction and claim to reverence, as places sacred to God which are not to be profaned
ie like the temple

b. of persons whose services God employs; as for example, apostles, [Ephesians 3:5](#); angels, [1 Thessalonians 3:13](#); [Matthew 25:31](#) [Rec.]; [Revelation 14:10](#); [Jude 1:14](#); prophets, [Acts 3:21](#); [Luke 1:70](#)

Our children are holy, called to be part of the temple of God!

1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 3:17 KJV - If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are.

To be part of the family of God, to have His Holy Spirit in us, we all need to be baptized and receive the holy spirit.

Romans 8:9 NKJV - But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now **if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**

1 Corinthians 12:13 NKJV - For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Conclusion:

God has a tremendous plan he is working out that He has called us each to be a part of!

Jeremiah 29:10 NKJV - For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.

*Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV - **For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.***

Jeremiah 29:12 NKJV - Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:14 NKJV - I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

Proverbs 3:5 KJV - Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Proverbs 3:6 KJV - In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:7 KJV - Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

Proverbs 3:8 KJV - It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

*2 Timothy 1:6 NKJV - Therefore I remind you to **stir up the gift of God which is in you** through the laying on of my hands.*

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

*2 Timothy 1:8 NKJV - **Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord**, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,*

*2 Timothy 1:9 NKJV - who has saved us and **called [us] with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose** and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,*

2 Timothy 1:10 NKJV - but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, [who] has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

*2 Timothy 1:12 NKJV - For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, **for I know whom I have believed** and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.*

*2 Timothy 1:13 NKJV - **Hold fast the pattern of sound words** which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.*

*2 Timothy 1:14 NKJV - **That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.***

Value the calling of God.

Value being one called out of this world.

Value being part of the “Church”, the “Called out” of God!