

Called or Chosen?

Scripture reading: Matthew 22:1-14

There are two words in the New Testament in the original Greek language that are translated as “church.” The first one is “*ekklesia*,” which means “called out.” The “*ekklesia*” are those who are the “called out.” If you are “called out,” you must be called out of somewhere to somewhere. You are called out of sin to an assembly of people who are walking in the Lord.

The other important Greek word for “church” is “*eklektos*.” It is translated into English in the King James Version as “elect” or “chosen.” In Matthew 22:11-13, we are told about a certain man who was cast out of the wedding feast. It says in verse 14, “*For many are called (ekklesia), but few are chosen (eklektos).*”

We are told by Jesus in Matthew 24:21-22, “*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s (eklektos) sake those days shall be shortened.*”

What is that? He said that if it were not for the “*eklektos*” (elect’s) sake, no human life, or plant life, or animal life would be left on earth! The earth would be a dead planet like Mars or the moon. What are we talking about? God said that something is going to happen down here that would destroy all living creatures and life from off the earth—but for a people who will stand in the way, the time of destruction shall be shortened! It means that there are some people who are specially anointed to stand in the breach and in the forefront; and God called them the “*eklektos*.”

If you are among that people, God will let you know. I asked God, “How will I know those to whom You sent me?” For you see, there is no mark on the people of God. But when I asked God, He told me. When I say God told me, I do not mean that I dreamt it. Sometimes God tells you things in a dream, but I mean to say that God stood before me and told me. He said, “Do not worry. You will know them, for they are the ones who will RECEIVE the word I have sent to them through you.”

Somebody is asking, “So then, Brother duCille, is it only you that has this word? What about the other people?”

Brethren, haven’t you heard this kind of question? Is it just I alone that has this word? The question is *infra dig* (beneath one’s dignity)! It belittles God. Even to ask the question is a belittling of God. You should have the answer in your heart. What kind of God do you have? A God so small that He takes one little man somewhere in the back woods, calls him and says, “You alone have the word now. Everybody has to bow to you.” That is nonsense! That is exactly what God does not want! That is exactly what God is against! God is against any one man having the whole word. For if any one man has the whole word everybody would be bowing to that one man. It would be counterproductive in that the man would usurp Christ. He would usurp Him, the very God that he is preaching!

I remember a story I heard about Brother Branham; it always impressed me. Branham was standing one day talking with a brother we personally know. Two brethren came to the door, knocked, and said they wanted to say a word to him. When they came in, they said, “Brother Branham, we have a great revelation!” Branham asked, “What is it?” They fell down on their knees and said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the most high God!” Branham bawled. I understand he threw himself down to the ground, and said, “Take my life, God! The very thing that I am against has caught up with me.”

One day, I went into a Branham church down near Columbus, Ohio. They had a 2’ x 3’ picture of Branham up on the wall behind the podium, and beside it a picture of Jesus that was of the same size. Oh God, I was so grieved! I tried to speak to them, but they just heard with one ear.

Do you know what that means? The man had so much power that, I believe, God had to take him out of the way, because the people would believe in the power more than in God. They would take their eyes off Jesus Christ and look at the one man; and they would believe in the one man more than in the Lord.

In my speaking with Jesus Christ, in the days when He called me, God showed me that the word He was giving me was nothing but raw food; people do not eat raw food. He showed me that there were the

people of God who would receive the word and be the cooks in the kitchen to prepare the food for the young ones as well as the adults. And the message they prepare is still the word of the Lord.

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Thought for today: Let us strive to be part of the people who are specially anointed to stand in the breach and who are called the “*eklektos*.”