

THE INVITATION FOR A GREAT SUPPER

(Luke 14:16-24)

And at the hour of the supper He sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, Come, for all is now ready vs. 17. However the invited ones each presented an excuse for rejecting the invitation: (1) I have bought a piece of land, I have to go to see it, (2) I bought five yoke of oxen, I am going to examine it (3) I have married and I am unable to come.

What we establish to be priority will certainly bring consequences one way or the other. The priority of these three people lead them out of the most important invitation they had ever received. Their decision to reject the invitation had a spiritual consequence, for they missed the open door that would have led them to eternity with God. By rejecting the invitation, they were left out of the sphere of their salvation, just like the seed fallen on the path way in the parable of the sower, told by Yahshua.

Come and dine with Me, says the Lord. Come and feast at My table, for I am the living Bread that descended from heaven. All who have accepted the invitation must desire the cleansing that comes from the blood of Yahshua shed from the cross for them. If one rejects the cleansing, as He said to Peter, he will not have part with Him. The cleansing must be followed by the sanctification from the Holy Spirit, our righteousness.

Yes, many are called, but few are chosen. To have accepted the invitation is not enough for one's salvation. The invitation is the open door to all who will come, with opportunity to living a life submissive to Christ, and to the work of the Holy Spirit in the process of sanctification, which without it one cannot see God. To have received the invitation, is to walk the aisle of a church, to receive Christ publicly in some cases, however if the person continues in his old way, serving his flesh, he will be found lacking of the Holy Spirit sanctification, for he will not be found dressed properly with the righteousness of God and the result will be that he will be left out of heaven!

Yahshua said, If anyone desires to be My disciple, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me, for whoever is bent on saving his life [his comfort and security here] shall lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it [life everlasting]. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life (Matthews 16:24-26)? In obedience to Christ through the denial of the flesh, in the taking of the cross to follow Yahshua and in perseverance is the certainty of one's salvation, of one's been chosen. Don't ever think that the church is the door to heaven or you will find yourself in the wrong place when eternity calls. You have just been called, or invited and that's it. Yahshua said, I am the door, the gate that opens the way to heaven; I am the only way to the Father and only through Me one will be saved.

In the surrender of self completely to Christ there is the carrying of the cross, which is for the purpose to crucify self along the way. Paul said, I am crucified with Christ – live not I (my fleshly desires), but Christ (Galatians 2:20). When I am crucified, then the Holy Spirit will take the space

and the place in my life in the time of my true conversion, and from then on, I will live according to the dictates of the Spirit in me, Who came and brought His life to my spirit, to guide, to teach, to convict, to comfort me and to sanctify me. Being crucified, that means, I am dead for the world, for the flesh, and the only life in me is from the Holy Spirit of God. We are chosen not only for salvation, but also to suffer for Christ. Paul says in II Timothy 2:11, The saying is sure and worthy of confidence; if we have died with Him (Christ), we shall also live with Him. We must carry the responsibility of death- being constantly handed over to death for Yahshua's sake, for in this momentary affliction we are prepared to achieve an everlasting weight of glory (II Corinthians 4:10-11). In many countries, in being chosen there is a ticket to their physical death and they well realize it and many carry on their body the marks of Yahshua! They don't trade their sorrow for joy, they have the joy in their sorrows, and they submit to it and are blessed with gratitude to God with a humble attitude before Him and man.

What are we to do? We must present the members of our body as a living sacrifice to God, and no longer conform them to the dictates of the world and of the flesh; we must desire the transformation of the mind through its renewing by the Holy Spirit in sanctification to be able to enter the narrow door, as Yahshua warned us, Strive to enter by the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able (Luke 13:24). The soul must submit to the Spirit of God and not to the desires of the flesh. We can only go through this narrow door by the Holy Spirit's work of sanctification; one must be chosen! And that is to go through the process of emptying self daily, to walk in submission to God, persevering in the faith to the end, to allow the Spirit of God to strip us of the fat of the world, so we could go through the narrow gate or door.

We must pass through the blood to be regenerated before going through the sanctification process to be then glorified. The chosen ones are the bride of Christ, who will be dressed in her new clothes – the righteousness imputed to her for her salvation through the work of sanctification of the Holy Spirit. The Bride has been permitted to dress in fine linen- dazzling and white – for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints (Revelation 19:8).

Many are called, invited but a few will be chosen. My sheep (My chosen ones) hear my voice, said Yahshua, they follow Me, because they know my voice, and they will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of a stranger; the sheep that are His hear and are listening to His voice and He knows them; they follow Him and He gives them eternal life with security of never losing it throughout the ages (John 10:1,5).

When God called Israel out of Egypt, they accepted the invitation and were marked by the blood on the doorposts of their houses; when the angel saw the blood he passed over them and they were not destroyed. However many died on the desert because of their unbelief and unfaithfulness on their way to the Promised Land. Those were the called ones, but not the chosen ones. In Their journey, they often desired the fat of Egypt, which signifies the world, because they had not surrendered their fleshy desires, as in denying self to take the path of holiness, which would lead them to God; they were disobedient and idolatrous. I think of Caleb

and Joshua as a picture of the chosen ones, who were victorious in their persistence to faith and love and faithfulness and they were the few chosen ones who reached the Promised Land.

My friend, many are called, but few are chosen. In What group are you, in the called and chosen, or in the just the called?

THINK ABOUT IT!

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