

Come To The Waters

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I. THE CALL

A. There Must Be A General Call

1. The General Call of God upon a lost sinner is the calling of the Gospel by a preacher, a teacher, a friend, etc.
2. The General Call has only an outward effect upon a person; it does not regenerate a person to bring him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
3. However, it is a necessary component of God's whole scheme of redemption for the salvation of souls.
4. Romans 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
5. Ephesians 1:13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*
6. The call is to come.

B. There Must Be An Effectual Call

1. The effectual call actually works on the hearts of unbelievers, opens their hearts, and saves their souls.
2. John 10:27 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*
3. 2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*
4. Acts 16:14 *And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.*

II. THE CALLED

- A. Though the outward (general) call is for every individual who is in listening distance of the word of God and the Gospel, the Effectual Call is for those who are thirsty.
- B. We have all heard the you may take a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink.
- C. By the same token, we can bring sinners to the Savior where they may take of the water of life freely, but that does not mean that they will drink the cool, clear water of salvation.
- D. Romans 16:4 *And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: 5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: 6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:*
- E. Romans 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*
- F. In Romans 1:1 Paul was called to be an apostle.
- G. In Romans 1:7 Paul is writing to those who are “called to be saints.”

- H. Romans 8:30 *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*
- I. I am glad he called me. I was thirsty, and I came to the waters and drank.
- J. 1 Corinthians 10:4 *And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

III. THE SUPPLY

- A. Those who are thirsty have a supply of fresh water from spiritual streams from which we can drink eternally.
- B. John 4:10 *Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*
- C. John 7:38 *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*
- D. John 4:14 *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*
- E. After we are saved, we are continually washed by the water of the word of God as we grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ through the Bible as it is preached in the churches.
- F. Ephesians 5:26 *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

IV. THE PRICE

- A. Wine And Milk
 - 1. It is said of Judah in Ge 49:12 *His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.*
 - 2. Joe 3:16 *The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. 17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.*
- B. Without Money
 - 1. Revelation 21:6 *And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*
 - 2. Text: Isaiah 55:2 *Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.*
 - 3. Romans 3:24 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in*

Christ Jesus:

4. We are speaking here of even more spiritual things than we have so far in this book.
5. We are speaking of redemption, reconciliation, salvation.

V. THE CHALLENGE, 55:2

A. Spending Money For Nothing, 2

1. Spend money for that which is not bread. You cannot eat money.
2. Labor for that which does not satisfy

B. Hearken Diligently

1. Eat that which is good, that which is profitable, or that which is prosperous.
 - a. John 6:51-53 *I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. 52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*
 - b. 1 Corinthians 10:2-4 *And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*
2. Let your soul delight itself in fat (text), 2
 - a. Fat means prosperous, good things.
 - b. Matthew 12:35 *A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.*
 - c. Romans 10:15 *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

C. Hear, and your soul shall live, 3

1. God will make an everlasting covenant with us, even the sure mercies of David.
2. 2 Samuel 22:51 *He is the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.*
3. 1 Kings 3:6 *And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.*

So, come to the waters, drink, buy and eat. Hear and receive the mercies of David. Be saved and have eternal life.