

God Loves Everybody, but He Delights in Some

Scripture reading: Jeremiah 4:3

I am constantly reminded about my calling: that God called me and who He sent me to. I was sent to go to a special people of God; not just in the United States, but in the world. You see, there are those who are the “*ekklesia*” in Greek (the “*called out*”; the church) but then, there are the “*eklektos*” (“*the elect*”). There are the “*called out*” people, who were called out by God, but there are also a “*called out*” of the “*called out*.” All of us are called. All the people in the churches are called people. The ministers are anointed people. I have lived with them, I know that they are God-anointed men.

Sister Mavis said in her book *Nuggets for the Needy*, “God loves everybody, but He delights in some.” I want to be one of those who God delights in, and there is only one way to be, and it is by being obedient. If you can obey God with whatever He tells you to do, you will be among the “Number One” called of God.

I want everyone who finds himself to be wrong in anything, turn away from it and turn to God. True repentance must have three turns. The first turn is to STOP. The second turn is to TURN AWAY; and the third turn is to TURN TO GOD. I have known men who have repented bitterly over things they have done wrong. Sure, they did repent. They were sorry for it and they turned away from it, but they never TURNED TO GOD to fill the vacancy. They found another way, and therefore they went right back into the same error.

We must be “*conscious*.” God has made some people conscious: sensitive, able to hear, able to feel and able to see spiritual things. I am talking about spiritual things. There is a man who is as much a man as you are, but he is blind. He lost his eyes, but he is every bit as much a man as you are! He lost his eyes; he is not one hundred percent conscious physically, because those eyes were serving a purpose. There are some people who have been so beaten emotionally that they have lost the right touch, the right feel of God. The Spirit of God will come into the church and move, but it does not move them to the extent that it will move the others. So, there is a losing out with God. You can lose out little by little, and you never know when you lost feeling. You never know when you lost touch. You never know when you lost that spiritual God-given divine emotion. You do not feel as you should feel.

One young man came to me one time. He said, “I notice the brethren are clapping, some of them are dancing; some of the young people seem to be alive, and I do not have that feeling. What is wrong with me?” Do you know what was happening? Sin was in his life.

This brings us to Matthew 13 where it says that some seeds “*...fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them.*” The thorns grew and the seeds grew. They were growing together in God, but the thorns choked the seeds and they brought forth no fruit.

I sometimes used to plant on the hillside. We found out that the places occupied by the thorns were the richest soil. If you see a field of thorns, cut it down and burn it out, and you will get some lovely fruits and vegetables coming up, because the thorns occupy rich soil. The same way, if you see a man with thorns in his life, help him to get the thorns out of his life, and he will be a great Christian. You see, we had to put fire on the thorns. The fire would burn the roots in the ground, and no more thorns would grow there. I want you to remember, you never get the thorns out until you burn them.

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Thought for today: Burn the thorns in your life so that the seed of Christ would grow and God would not only love you but also delight in you.