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I HAVE CHOSEN YOU-

"THE THING THAT HATH BEEN, IT IS THAT WHICH SHALL BE; and that which is done, it is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun." (Eccl.1:9) All the amazing revelations, the great inventions, the incredible discoveries that have been unfolding since the world began, and that are continuing to unfold now with increasing momentum, are not new; they existed before the foundation of the world. Indeed, there is nothing new under the sun, for the things of this world were hid within the Logos of God from eternity. Francis Bacon said that "knowledge is power" and indeed, through his acquired knowledge, man has been changing his world. As time reaches the end of this age, knowledge is increasing at a faster rate than ever. The prophet Daniel was told that in the last days, *"...many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased."* (Dan.12:4) We can certainly see the fulfillment of that word today, but because man's mind is bound by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, some of his knowledge is directed toward the good of mankind, while a lot of it leads into evil and destruction. The only remedy or deliverance for the world is to know the truth. The good news is that *"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein."* (Ps.24:1) And God had prepared all things, long before they happened in the world.

In Eden, God gave the Adam man, complete dominion over the earth. This was never withdrawn from the man, but when they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they could not access the tree of life, and so they never knew Christ and never possessed eternal life; they could fall and they did. It is in Christ that we possess the dimension of forever life that is in the resurrected Son of God. This is why after the fall, God barred the way to the tree of life, *"And the Lord God said, behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever."* (Gen.3:22) Adam never possessed eternal life. The life of Eden knew no death, but it depended on man's obedience to God's words.

When they fell into the realm of darkness and death, they found themselves caught up into a vortex called "time. The ages, years, months and so on, are limits that God set over His creation; man has no power over time. There is *"A time to be born and a time to die..."* (Eccl.3:2). And now the evil that seeks to destroy humanity has but a short time to accomplish its goal. *"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, (spirit of man), and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, (carnal minded man), and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."* (Rev.12:12) The evil that dwells in the mind of the carnal man, has but a short time to finish the destruction of God's earthly creation, because God has set a time limit on his power. The time for the rule and reign of Christ begins with the age which is now arising.

FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE- First, let it be established that the "elect" sons are neither "elite" nor discriminative; Jesus told the disciples, *"The greatest among you is servant of all!"* To serve is the eternal mission of the sons of God. Prophesying about the end of this age, Jesus said, *"For in those days, shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto*

*this time, neither shall be. 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.***" (Mk.13:19-20) Only God has the power to do this, and this power is in His Son. When we think of the Son, we right away think of Jesus Christ and indeed Jesus is the only begotten, the Firstborn Son of God; there can be only one who holds that honor. However, Jesus has inherited a body of sons; He is now the head of this body. "...that ye may know what is the hope of **his** calling, and what the riches of the glory of **his inheritance in the saints...**" (Eph.1:18) The Body of Christ is the Son of God in the world and Jesus is the Head of this body. So when we hear the name Son of God, it is proper and right to see the body of sons with Jesus the Head. Sons are the body of the "elect Son," and the presence of sons keeps the Word of God in the earth, and protects creation from total annihilation. Creation who is groaning and travailing to see Jesus, will be in awe when they see Him in His entire body of sons.

THE CALLING OF THE ELECT- *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. According **as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption, (placing), of children unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will."* (Eph.1:3-5) These scriptures are a solid foundation for the calling and placing of God's sons. Sons have been chosen; they did not volunteer! He told His disciples, *"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain"* (Jn.15:14,16) Jesus was speaking to the disciples then, and also to all the chosen who would come later. Paul writes, *"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. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**"* (Rom.8:28-29) This is written to those who are "elected" to fulfill God's purpose for His creation.

Jesus declared, *"I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep, and am known of mine. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."* (Jn.10:14,16) *"And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him; for they know his voice. And a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers."* (Vs.4-5) Now we know why His sheep know His voice, they were with Him before the foundation of the world, and they were predestinated to follow Him all the way, until they became conformed to His likeness. His sheep recognize His voice because they heard it before; they remember it. So it is with all who were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, they hear and know the voice of the One whom they knew from before the world was. And so, not only do they answer the call, but they daily hear the voice and follow. These have an inner "knower," a witness that never fails, and they know the voice of strangers too and flee. They heard the voice that called out, *"Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."* (Rev.18:4) This is why many Christians have come out of mainstream churches, and many more are out of independent assemblies as well.

While in the Spirit, on the Isle of Patmos, John saw the woman, the church, fleeing from the dragon and hiding through the wilderness of this world. It is there that she gives birth to the "man child," who is caught up to the throne of God. Indeed, God has hid His true church throughout this untamed world, not in obvious places of worship, and He has fed her with the truth from sources unauthorized by learned man. In this way, the Word made flesh has come into being, and the elect company of sons is now obediently under the authority, (throne), of the Father. *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* (Rom.8:14) The kingdom of God is filled with God's children,

"...Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." (Mk.10:14) These children grow under the nurturing of mother church and most remain there until they die. But sons are not satisfied, they are yearning to hear the voice that calls them to a higher place. As the Shulamite of Song of Songs, we were looking for the lover that we knew long ago. We were seeking to hear His familiar voice, and we sought Him in various places as we listened eagerly to the words that would resonate in our spirit. The great Pentecostal, Charismatic, Sonship and Five-fold ministries moves of the sixties were filled with seekers of the truth. The gifts of the Spirit and often the lively fellowships attracted many. It was there that we learned to yield to the Holy Spirit. It was there that precious fellowships were formed. Yet, some of us were called out of these places too; we had to learn to depend fully on the One within us, and to truly live by the faith of the Son of God. You see dear ones, the issue is not whether we are called to gather with a few, or with many, or to not gather at all, what matter is that we hear the voice of the Spirit, follow Him and let no one else influence us.

As sons we will surely be tested. *"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons..."* (Heb.12:6-7a) sons find that the gifts that were abundant for them as children, are not working for them. Paul suffered many afflictions in the flesh, but he sought the Lord for one particularly debilitating, *"For this thing, (thorn in the flesh), I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* (II Cor.12:8-9) Oh yes! in their afflictions, sons receive much grace to go through the fire with understanding, faith and courage, for it is through the fire that sons become **overcomers** and heirs of all things.

GUARDIANS OF THE TRUTH- *"Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away."* (Lk.21:33) Our changing and expanding universe is created and sustained by the Word of God; *"For by him all things were created...and by him all things consist."* (Col.1:16a-17b) "Him" is the Word, the Logos that contains the thoughts, the blueprints, the entire plan of God for His creation. The Son does not only speak the Word; He is the Word. The apostle John writes, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."* (Jn.1:1,14) The same Word who spoke the worlds into being, was born as the man Jesus Christ, and this same Word is now being born, made flesh again in a company of sons we call the body of Christ. The words spoken by the prophets announced the birth of Jesus Christ; the words spoken by Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit begets the sons of God; thus we are *"...Being born again of the incorruptible seed, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."* (I Pet.1:23)

All things that have ever been created, or that will ever appear in creation, issue from the Word of God. Howbeit, the visible things of this world are temporal, they last only for a time; they shall pass away. *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea."* (Rev.21:1) When Jesus stood in Jerusalem He declared, *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...Behold, your house is left unto you desolate...Ye shall not see me henceforth till ye shall say Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord"* (Matt.23:37,38,39) The words that Jesus spoke that day still keep coming to pass. Do not expect the temple at Jerusalem to ever be rebuilt. Christians and Jews alike need to recognize that Jesus Christ is the only true temple of God, and that God only has one temple. The old heaven and old earth have passed away and all things are new in Christ.

By the same token, the laws and ordinances of the Old covenant are now abolished. *"In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish*

away." (Heb.8:13) Paul told the church, *"Ye observe days, and months, and times and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed my labour upon you in vain."* (Gal.4:10-11) Paul called such Christians foolish. *"Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect in the flesh?"* (Gal.3:3) I have seen this happen to sincere Christians. I once dreamed, *"I saw a beautiful streamline, silver jet plane soaring up high in the sky. Then I see this plane coming in for a landing, only there was no airport or runway there. So it landed in a swampy area and the speed of it kept it running through the mud. As I looked, this beautiful plane had now turned into a truck, like a tanker that transports gasoline or milk. It kept wobbling through the rough terrain until it was stuck in the mud."* Could Christians be so foolish as to try to become perfect by the works of the law? Jesus told the woman at the well, *"...true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth for the Father seeketh such to worship him."* (Jn.4:23) Jesus's teachings are not about keeping feasts or days; they are about worshipping the true God in spirit and in truth, with all our minds and hearts and souls, not with our works of self-righteousness. To become deliverers, sons must first be completely delivered from the law of sin and death.

WHEAT AND TARES look a lot alike but tares never form into wheat or grain; they cannot sustain or give life. Tares speak of the Word interpreted by the reasoning of the mind; the literal letter. Paul explains that God *"hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."* (II Cor.3:6) The ministries that Jesus sent to spread the gospel, and bring the sheep to the fold, have done a superb evangelistic work in the world. But now a new day, a brighter light is arising, and a greater Word has been and is being released over the entire world. This Word is not spoken from pulpits; it issues from the hearts of God's sons, and from the groaning of all creation to be delivered. The results are swift and unchangeable; it is the sound of the last trump. A trumpet sound is made by the mouth blowing against the brass, it is sharp and penetrating. It is a perfect symbol for the Word of God.

God told Jeremiah, *"Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth...See, I have set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant."* (Jer.1:9b,10) God did not give Jeremiah a shovel or some dynamite to accomplish this; He told him to speak His Word. Today, the same Word is saying, *"...Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also the heaven. And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."* (Heb.12:26-27) And here is the reward, *"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby, we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire."* (Vs.28-29)

God is speaking in the Son in the sons, in spirit and in truth. This is why the world is being shaken in all four corners of the earth, and nothing can stop this work for all power in heaven and in earth has been given to the Son, and the Son is made flesh in the sons. The Word spoken today will not fail to accomplish all that it is sent to do. *"The kingdoms of this world will soon become the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ."* So, *"Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."* (Josh.1:9) Samuel Johnson wrote, "Courage is the greatest of all virtues, for without it, one may never have the opportunity to use any of the others."

Blessings and love, for He is love, *Jackie Caporaso*