

The Divine Calling

2 Thimothy 1:9

God saved us and chose us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace. He gave us this grace by means of Christ Jesus before the beginning of time

Today is a new day, a chance for a new start. Let's start the day with God in our mind and heart. David used to look back and recollect his beautiful encounters with God. He realized and understood his calling. The disciples left their fishing nets immediately when Jesus called them. We too have a divine calling in our life.

Ephesians 1:4 "Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be His through our union with Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before Him"

God selected each one of us into his extensive plan. We were in his list since time immemorial. But He called us in the fullness of His time.

As a young child, we were taken to church by our parents. Most of us attended Sunday school unwillingly. We were listeners of the word but nothing penetrated into our heart.

But in His time, God intervenes in our life. When He intervenes, nothing can pull /draw us back. When God's loving eyes focus on the selected ones, it breaks the mould. We start hearing His voice. We humbly submit ourselves. It is now that His divine word starts penetrating into us. Every action of God is through his powerful words.

Jeremiah 23:29 "My message is like a fire, and like a hammer that break rocks in pieces."

The powerful godly words reach our ears, then to our heart and then, with the divine intervention of Holy Spirit, we react to His word. When He calls us, He fills us with His Grace. His Grace empowers us and we cannot sit back. The word which was once lifeless starts to snap back. It becomes alive. There is a fire / a divine fire in us. Worldly fire engulfs everything around it, whereas divine fire captures many souls witnessing Christ. It transforms us from within, regenerates us and makes us capable of love.

Let us see the life of Lydia and Saul (True calls to Salvation) Acts 16:13,14

God rerouted Paul and his friends and also ensured that Lydia encounters Paul and hear the good news of Christ Jesus. As Lydia heard the gospel, God opened her mind and she received the life-giving message. God's calling; His plan, His intervention and His Salvation can be seen in Lydia's life.

John 6:44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them".

We can see in Acts of Apostles, the dramatic way of God's calling in Saul's life. Paul fell from the horse back, got blind on the road to Damascus. Paul repented, received the gift of Holy Spirit and accepted the calling of God.

He wrote in 2 Timothy 1:9 "God has saved us and called us with a Holly calling."

Everyone who is called by God does experience a spiritual miracle. This miracle though silent and invisible is one of the greatest possible miracles. We should be grateful to the Almighty that out of Million's, he saw us, selected us, called us to be his special ones, leading us to Salvation and preparing to eternity.

Let's responds to the divine calling...

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