



Lesson 41

Lesson 41: For This Reason . . .

Scripture: Hebrews 9:15

The **PROMISE: Eternal Inheritance** (v. 15)

- The eternal inheritance is outlined in the New Covenant in Hebrews 8:10-12.
- This eternal inheritance is made by a **PROMISE** of God. So, we can say that those who receive this eternal inheritance are **heirs of a promise.** (Hebrews 6:15-18)
- The **PROMISE** is always opposed to **WORKS.** (Romans 4:14)
- There is **security** in the **PROMISE** because it is based on the veracity and faithfulness of **GOD.** (Titus 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:24)
- **ALL of the PROMISES of GOD find their “YES” or “AMEN” in CHRIST – NOT US!**
- Those who receive this **PROMISE** are *“the called.”*
- See Romans 8:28-30



The Call of God

- Because God chose and God predestined He calls His people ***in time.***
 - Election and predestination is/was accomplished in ETERNITY.
 - The call of God happens in time at His timing. (John 11:6, 39)
- The call of God in contrast to the call of men:
 - ★ Man's call is a universal call to "all creatures". (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8)
 - ☆ God's call is NOT universal. God did not send out His prophets to all the nations in the Old Testament. Meditate on how many today have not heard!
 - ★ Man's call is FREQUENTLY REJECTED. (i.e. Luke 14:15-24)

- ☆ God's call CANNOT be REJECTED. (Psalm 33:6, 9 as God created He re-creates - 2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - God's call is **IRRESISTIBLE**. (Job 23:13; 9:12; 12:14; Ecclesiastes 3:14; 7:13; Lamentations 3:37; **John 11:43**)
- The call of God is **HIS POWER (grace) that TRANSFORMS His people** –
 - It calls His people **OUT of darkness INTO His light**. (1 Peter 2:9; 1 John 1:67)
 - It calls His people **OUT of DEATH INTO ETERNAL LIFE**. (John 11:43; Ephesians 2:1-3, 5; Romans 6:23b; 1 John 3:14)
 - It calls His people **OUT of bondage INTO freedom to live in righteousness**. (Romans 6:18, 20, 22; 1 John 3:6-10)
 - It calls His people **OUT of fellowship with men INTO fellowship with Christ**. (1 Corinthians 1:9)
 - It calls (draws, drags) His people to Christ (John 6:44, 65) and Christ will raise up **EVERYONE** the Father gives Him. (John 6:37-40).
 - It calls His people **OUT of unholiness and sinfulness INTO a state of holiness and real hatred of sin**. (1 Thess 4:7; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 2 Timothy 1:9; Psalm 119:104, 128)
 - It calls His people **OUT of enmity with God INTO being at PEACE with God**. (Romans 5:1, 10-11; Colossians 3:15)
 - It transforms sinners into **SAINTS**. (Romans 1:6-7; 1 Cor 1:2)
- The call of God is not small calling –
 - It is a **HOLY** calling. (2 Timothy 1:9)
 - It is a **HIGH** calling. (Philippians 3:14) God's calling takes His people to His very throne. (Ephesians 2:6)
 - It is a **HEAVENLY** calling. (Hebrews 3:1) It is a call OUT of the world into citizenship in God's kingdom. (Philippians 3:20)
 - It is **IRRESISTIBLE, IRREVOCABLE, UNCHANGING** because it is the call of the **SUPREME BEING** of the universe. (Romans **9:19-25**; 11:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Philippians 1:6) **IT IS THE POWER of GOD**.
 - It is a calling unto the **GLORY of CHRIST**. (2 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Peter 5:10)



Who Does GOD Call

- “Those whom He foreknew (chose) and those whom He predestined He called.” (Romans 8:28-30)
- Those whom GOD prepared beforehand for glory. (Romans 9:23-24)
- Those whom God “put into Christ” before the foundation of the world. (Eph 1:3-4; 2 Timothy 1:9)
- Those who **were** REDEEMED by Christ on the Cross where He **paid** their ransom. (Matthew 20:28; John 19:30)
- Those whom it pleased God to call. (Matthew 11:25-27)
- Those whom God wills to be gracious. (Romans 9:15-18; Exodus 33:19)

God’s Business and Our Business

- God’s business: ELECTION; PREDESTINATION; CALLING; GRACE.
- Our business:
 - ① **Continually REPENT** of our daily sins. (Mark 1:14-15)
 - ② **Continually BELIEVE** (TRUST) God. (Mark 1:14-15)
 - ③ **Walk (live) WORTHY** of God’s calling.
 - ① (Ephesians 4:1) **Walk worthy** . . .
 - “walk” - forward not backwards; a goal in mind, progressing continuously, **walking not sitting**.
 - “worthy” - from “balancing of scales” - “anything that was expected to correspond to something else”
 - ② (Colossians 1:10) **Walk worthy** . . .
 - “**fully** pleasing God . . .
 - “being **fruitful** in every good work . . .
 - “**increasing** in the knowledge of God.”
 - ③ (1 John 2:6) **Walk** as Christ walked . . .
 - Delighting to do the will of the Father. (Psa 40:6-8; John 4:34; 5:30)
 - Always doing what pleased the Father. (John 8:29; Matthew 3:17; 17:5)
 - Obeying the Father’s commandments. (John 14:31; 15:10)
 - Walking in the light of the Father. (1 John 1:6-7)

For This Reason . . . (Hebrews 9:15)

- This looks back to all that has been said of Christ up to this point.
 - His superiority over the prophets. (Hebrews 1:1)
 - His attributes as described in Hebrews 1:2-3.
 - His superiority because of His deity. (Hebrews 1:4-14)
 - His superiority as the Author of Salvation. (Hebrews 2:10-18)

- His superiority over Moses. (Hebrews 3-4)
- His superiority over Aaron High Priesthood. (Hebrews 5; 7:11-28)
- His superiority over Melchizedek. (Hebrew 7:4-10)
- His becoming our **SURETY**. (Hebrews 7:22)
 - He engaged to render **full** satisfaction to God on behalf of His people.
 - He engaged to **do and suffer** for them all that the law required.
 - He transferred to Himself all their **obligations**.
 - He undertook the payment of **all** their debts.
 - He **substituted** Himself in their place.
 - In so doing, God **imputed** all our liabilities unto Christ and all of Christ's righteousness unto us. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- He being our High Priest fulfilling the better covenant based on better promises. (Hebrews 8:1-6)
- He ratifying the New Covenant. (Hebrews 8:7-13)
- He ministering in a better "tabernacle." (Hebrews 9:1-14)

He Was the Messenger of the Covenant (Malachi 3:1)

- Christ came to make God's purpose and will known to His people.

He Is the Mediator of the New Covenant (v. 15; Hebrews 12:24)

- A mediator takes his place between to disagreeing (warring) parties – enemies.
- The only goal of a mediator is **RECONCILIATION**. (See 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)
- The mediator must maintain the interests of **both** parties.
- Christ came to **perfectly reconcile** God to man without compromising anything pertaining to God and securing **all** that was required of man.

He Is the "Testator" of the Covenant (v. 15)

- He **ratified** (to make officially valid) the Covenant made between God and Him!
 - In order to do this He had to meet the requirements placed on Him by the Father.
- He wills to His people.



The Requirement: DEATH (v. 15)

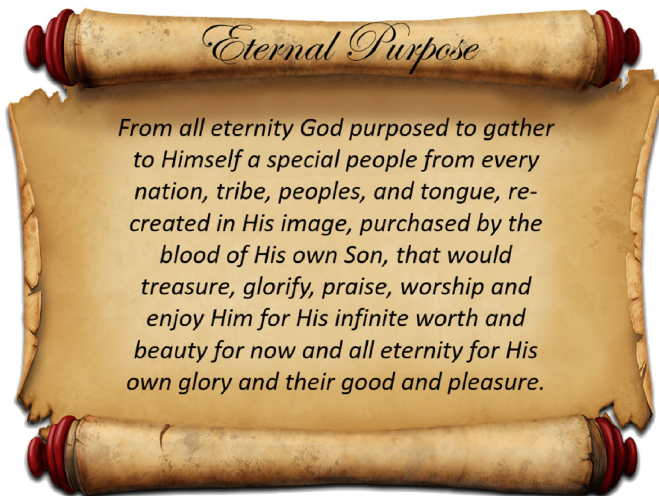
- In order to take our place – to be our Substitute and our Surety – Christ had to become a MAN and DIE in our place. **DEATH was always in the plan of God of His Son.**
- The Law was clear, “The soul that sins must die.” Ezekiel 18:4
- The wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23.

The OBSTACLE to the PROMISE (v. 15)

- TRANSGRESSIONS! – SINS! – Specifically, the sins of those who should be “called.”
- The wages of those sins (Romans 6:23) must be PAID and PAID in FULL.
- Christ’s payment (see Matthew 20:28) secured the *eternal inheritance* for His people.

Summary of Verse 15

- ① God designed (planned, purposed, willed) an eternal inheritance for certain people.



- ② This design or will is the **PROMISE**.
- ③ Those to whom this PROMISE is willed are designed “**the called.**”
- ④ The obstacle in the way blocking “the called” from receiving this promise is their sins!
- ⑤ God’s method of removing this obstacle was the death of His Son as Surety for “the called.”