

The Kinds of People God Uses

I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to teach this seminar at God's-ordained Glory Conference this weekend.

As I begin to prepare the topic, The Kinds of People God Uses, I needed to get grounded in the purpose of a Glory Conference.

When God reveals His glory, there is a reason! We as His people must really seek God to determine why is God choosing to reveal Himself to us in this manner, we need the revelation, and WHAT is God requiring from us in response. There is always a required response from God's people when He determines to reveal Himself!

In our current setting, gathered in this place, we must approach this topic with reverential fear unto God, which will unlock for us the wisdom to understand what the Word is revealing to us related to the Kinds of People that God uses. Furthermore, we must ask God to prepare our hearts to respond to what His glory reveals.

We must first obtain a level of understanding of God's Sovereignty!

- **God's Sovereignty**, is His dominion and rulership over all that He created. HE is omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent – meaning He is all knowing, all powerful and present everywhere at the same time. He has free reign over everything He has created and will use it for His glory.
- God in His infinite wisdom and in accordance to the counsel of HIS own will has orchestrated everything at all times to bring Him glory.
- **Ephesians 1:11-12** in Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the **purpose of Him** who works all things according to the counsel of His will,¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

1. **God's sovereignty selects us to use for His Glory.**

- a. Romans 8:29 - 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.
- b. John 15:16 - 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: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

2. God's **sovereign selection gives Him the authority to Shape and Mold Us into Vessels fit for Use**

- a. As sovereign ruler and creator, God has the right to use everything that HE creates for His OWN express purpose. After all, He is the potter and we are the clay.
 - i. The Prophet Isaiah says it this way in Isaiah 64:8 - But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.
 - ii. Philippians 2:13 - for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
- b. He has sovereign authority to create whatsoever He pleases as He forms in us both the will to obey Him, while equipping us to do it.
- c. Aren't we grateful to God, that He has chosen to form us into Sovereign Vessels of His Glory! Vessels filled with the weightiness of His importance, empowered by His majesty and splendor to fulfill our assignments?

3. Let's not be mistaken, although **God has given us a free will, our free will has no bearing** on His Sovereign use of us, but it does impact us!

- a. As outlined in I Timothy 2:20, man can be used by God for either honorable or dishonorable use, or a combination of both (for those who repent and turn back to God).2:20.
- b. The WORLD wants to deceive us into believing we are in control of our lives and our destiny, the sober minded believer understands that our lives are not our own.
 - i. As King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 19:21 - There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.
 - ii. The wisdom writer also wrote in Proverbs 21:1 - The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.
- c. The shocking reality is you can be used mightily in God's kingdom, but without a relationship with God, there is no spiritual prosperity for you! As Jesus warned us in Matthew 7:22-23 - Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

4. What should be our response to the **sovereignty of God? Complete and utter surrender.**

- a. Whenever we encounter the Sovereignty of God a chose has to be made – am I going to surrender to His Sovereignty or will I try to maneuver my way out of it?
- b. Let me say it in Lament Terms, will I accept God's terms on His conditions or will I go about trying to create my own?

- i. When we chose to surrender to God's sovereignty, it drives us to a place of total dependency on God through Christ empowered by the Holy Ghost.
 - ii. When we become dependent on God, it is the catalyst that translates us out of satan's grip and into Christ, it is in Christ that we win. Picture it this way, when I finally surrender to God, I run to Him and He safely places me in His Son and equips me with His Spirit.
 - iii. You got to see yourself entering into Christ, our solid rock, our firm foundation, our vine, our safe place – where the righteous run in and are saved.
 - iv. He equips us with His Spirit, and the more we surrender, the more the Holy Spirit begins to form our God identity. He makes clear God's kingdom around us and in us!
 - v. I was talking to a friend and she said, someone asked her, why is it so difficult to serve God – to find purpose in what we do. Her response was, it isn't that God's will is difficult, it is just the fact that it is hidden. You have to search Him and seek Him to find it.
 - vi. Our hunger and seek of God drives us past the pains of disappointments and set backs.
 - vii. Listen, our dependency on God births a strong relationship with the Holy Trinity!
- viii. We develop an appetite that just wants to seek God and please Him. We begin to understand that pleasing Him requires doing HIS WILL!**
- 1. The kinds of people that God uses are available to God**
 - 2. They have integrity of Character – consistency between our actions and our inner convictions over time. We actually believe God's word and apply it! Holiness.**
 - 3. We have committed to bringing our heart, mind and actions into alignment with God's will.
Create in my a clean-heart. Renew a right spirit.**
 - 4. We seek after God and reverence Him.**
 - 5. We are obedient to God!**
 - 6. We are faithful!**

7. We will serve God!

- ix. **Acts 13:22** - 22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, **a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.**'
- x. We have so many counterfeits in the Body of Christ, operating out of giftings that came without repentance. They got introduced to Christ and started studying the prophetic. Got saved and wanted to be put on a platform/on display. Some of it is zeal without knowledge, for other's it is impure motives, some don't take their salvation seriously – it isn't prioritized, and yet others ain't even saved for real because they refuse to make Christ LORD and Savior.
- xi. Their desire to be used by God was not birthed from an intimate relationship with God. The Kinds of People that God uses has cultivated an intimate relationship with God!
- xii. Listen before we fall in love with our gifts, or even in love with the idea of being used by God, **WE MUST FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD!**
- xiii. You got to love Him more than the gift so that when He uses you and it becomes painful, you will know to surrender more to Him and not out of hurt or disappointment **REJECT YOUR GIFT!**
- xiv. Or when it becomes good for you don't desert God and start trying to prostitute your gift!
- xv. Or when you can't figure it out, you don't refuse to utilize the gift!
- xvi. Listen being introduced to your gift without falling in Love with the giver of the Gift will cause you to make an idol out of it – one you worship or one that you hate!
- xvii. The Kind of people that God uses has put their gifts in proper perspective.
- xviii. With a heart to please God, they have purposed in their heart to do His Will and becomes less about them and all about God.
- xix. We become so intimate with God that we understand our ability to operate in our gifts to complete His missions have nothing to do with our abilities, but everything to do with the power of the Holy Ghost in us.
- xx. We have to purpose in our hearts, if God puts a demand on me, I will respond.
 1. I will do it afraid. I will be uncomfortable. I will do it when they laughing at me. I will do it when I'm broken. I will do it when I feel inadequate. I will do it God because I'm doing it for God, the one I love. Actually, we aren't doing it, we are availing ourselves to God and letting Him do it through us.

- xxi. This intimacy with God causes God to reveal to us His plans, but not just as servants, but as His friend.
- xxii. Let's look at John 15:14 – 16 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

King David/Samuel

- xxiii. Let's take a look at King David,
 - 1. David became the King of Israel at the age of 30. II Samuel 5:24.
 - 2. He was anointed as king about 15 years before he entered His kingdom.
 - 3. He was living in a time of great decline in God's Kingdom. There were moral failures, constant military battles and the word of God was rare in those days. It says in, "I Samuel 3:1 - Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation."
 - 4. God raised David up with a mission to establish God's Kingdom – but we can only see this in retrospect. – II Samuel 7:16 - And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before ^{to}you. Your throne shall be established forever."
 - 5. It was through David's lineage that Christ entered the world.
 - 6. It is said of David, He was a man after God's own heart- why, because He did everything that God willed for him to do – Acts 13:22
 - 7. We are able to learn so much about the Kinds of People that God Uses just by studying David.
 - 8. His selection – He was the least expected to be King because He didn't fit man's standard. He was the youngest – a sheep keeper.
 - 9. Even the prophet thought his older brother was going to be king. But God said man looks at outer appearance, God looks at the heart.
 - 10. His anointing was forever – I Samuel 16:13 - So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

11. David was able to stand against Goliath, because He was anointed King and He understood Goliath was waging war against God. Everyone else on the field thought Goliath was waging war against them! II Samuel 17:25 – This man that defies Israel?
12. David- who is this man that defies the armies of God? II Samuel 17:26. II Seeing that the Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of the Philistines.
13. And yes God was, because He had a bigger plan.
 - a. God had promised Abraham that He would take his children into their promised land. Genesis 17 ...7 – 8 I will establish My covenant as an everlasting covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 8And to you and your descendants I will give the land where you are residing— all the land of Canaan— as an eternal possession; and I will be their God."
 - b. Through Joshua he made a promise that He was going to give him every place his feet tread. He would have possession of the LAND of Canaan. However, the children of Israel would have to be strong and courageous.
 - i. What we learned is they did not drive out all the inhabitants – the bible speaks of multiple tribes that remained in the land.
 - c. When we don't complete our assignments, we leave it for the next generation to battle with.
 - d. It says in Joshua 17:12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities, but the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. 13 And it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.