

Title of PTB (Preaching thru the Bible) #2 of 48: "The Living God of the Living" Continued 1b.

Table 2: Gospel in Exodus

Proclaimed (Old Test)	Established (Matthew)	Explained (Heb/Rom)	Reinforced (Luke)	Appendix (Mark)
Exodus 3:6			20:28,38	12:26
				20:37
Exodus 9:16		Romans 9:17		
Exodus 12:18-20				14:12

INTRO: God, our Heavenly Father and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Living God: He is omnipotent as the book of Job tells us; He is One God in 3 Persons, the Trinity, as made clear when He Created Heaven and Earth and when He created Man, male and female; and He is the God of those that live forever, like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all our forefathers in the faith, and us.

I. Preaching and Christian Doctrine: Study Bible for the Approval of God.

“Study to Show Yourself Approved unto God, a Workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (II Timothy 2:15)

You must realize that God has put a lot of time and effort over a period of a thousand years and through the writing of over 40 scripture writers to bring up the communication level to you of Bible truth. And beyond that God, through the Holy Spirit, put in internal safeguards to assure that all readers would get the same meaning; which means, in short that the Bible is self interpretative. Put that internal safeguard to work for you by reading through the outline of the Old Testament according to the New Testament. Look at the outline, on the left is the location in the Old Testament of the original quote and to the right is the New Testament location. Carefully go through the Bible reading each location, and read more than the quote itself, read also the verses on either side; and you will be amazed at your increased Bible perspective.

Accept the challenge of a Workman that is a Bible Scholar, not scholastically like those of the hideous Jesus Seminary but like the American Scholar of Ralph Waldo Emerson where he made the plea of long ago for facets of scholarship based on far more than pieces of paper.

The practical and long-range implementation here is to enhance your experience with the outline of the OT according to the NT of recommendation #1 by more prolonged study of the same outline in a course format entitled "Top 12 Topics of the Bible". These 12 topics are actually derived from the same Old Testament quotes in the New Testament with a topic actually superimposed on sequential groupings of those quotes. Well, when you experience it you will understand better!

Happy new experiences in Bible reading and Study, just stick with it!

3. Ephesians may be considered as "The 7 essentials of Christian Doctrine". You may wonder where in the seven Ones is the One Book, the Bible, it is included in the One Faith, once for all delivered to the saints, and the recognition of that will end a lot of unnecessary squabbles on sound doctrine from the Scofield mites, unfortunately for them it eliminates half their sermon notes on inerrancy. You really don't God in His omnipotent knowledge would leave the communication of the one faith to a dependence of the early churches on getting the proper 66 books together for complete Word of God. And so many many of these useless squabbles of theology could be prevented by sticking primarily to the seven Ones. A person might question the thoroughness of the 7 ONES because one salvation is not in there, and goodness the fundamentalists know that above all and beyond all they should be saving souls; well, note their lack of understanding and refusal of understanding that the One Baptism is the One salvation. And then there is Swaggart with his false concept on the message of the cross being everything, and him not being able to find the one cross in the seven ONES. Well, it is in the only new revelation, new as not predicted in the Old Testament about the One body, as Ephesians tells us it is by the cross of Christ that the one body of Jews and Gentiles comes. It would seem that if Swaggart wants to major on the cross, he should start with a major on the One body of Jews and Gentiles.

II. Expository: A Short Exegesis of Exodus 3:6 Thru Exodus 16:18 and their NT equivalents.

4. Exodus 3:6 and Luke 20:37.

(1). God told Moses in the call at the burning bush that He was the God of Moses father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

(2). About the dead being raised to life, Jesus quotes Moses and Exodus 3:6 how God is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and with the emphasis on God as each time God with repeated with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

5. Exodus 9:16 and Romans 9:17.

(1). God has Moses tell Pharaoh that he has been put on the throne of Egypt for two reasons: (a) To demonstrate the power of God in securing the freedom of Israel; and (b) That the name of the living God and the God of the living might be declared over all the earth.

(2). In quoting that in Romans 9:17 and in explaining the meaning in Romans 9:16,18, Paul is telling us of how God is in control of world events; and what is important does not depend on the will of man or the competitiveness of man, but rather on the mercy of God, and that ultimately God will have mercy on whom He alone desires.

6. Exodus 12:46 and John 19:36.

(1). The Passover feast in remembrance of Gods rescue of Israel from Egyptian bondage among other things included that the lamb of the feast should not have a bone of the body broken, a direct quote of which we will see later in Psalms.

(2). When the Apostle John in John 19:36 tells of how at the Crucifixion of Jesus, and since Jesus was already dead contrary to custom, not a bone in His body was broken, John is quoting from both Exodus and Psalms 34:20. (Psalms 34:20 is directly quoted, and the reference from Exodus 12:46 is closer to a paraphrase.)

7. Exodus 16:18 and II Corinthians 8:15.

(1). During Gods supply of manna during the 40 years in the wilderness, those who gathered much had nothing left over and those who gathered little were not hungry so that it was completely by the grace of God and according to the individual needs.

(2). Paul quotes this in II Corinthians to illustrate equality among Christians in the churches, or to illustrate the democratic nature of salvation.

III. Topical Bible: Living God of the Living #1b.

1-3: The Seared Conscience?

So, the Seared Conscience, is it in the first group of verbal deniers of Christ or in the second group of deniers by deeds? Surely as we read I Timothy 4:1-3 we will have to conclude that such leaders of the Seared Conscience are among the second group that denies Jesus only in deeds and for whom we can still have some compassion as they have not committed the sin unto death; for it is the denial by deeds and the deeds of teachings that we see in the passage: (1) They initially had the Christian Faith but departed from it; (2) They initially had the influence of true spirits but were seduced by false spirits; (3) They originally knew the doctrine of Christ but were seduced by the doctrines of devils;

(4) They teach and practice the evil deeds of forbidding to marry; (5) They teach and practice the evil deeds of commanding to abstain from meats.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times (remember that the latter times began with the Ascension of Christ) some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." (I Timothy 4:1-3 KJV)

Unwarranted Freedoms with the Bible

These are they of the book of Jude who deny by deeds instead of confession of words, taking unwarranted freedoms with the grace of God and with the Bible!

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ". (Jude 4 KJV)

At least it is the first group of "ungodly men" who turn "the grace of God into "excessive freedoms", the same group at the conclusion of Jude for whom we can have compassion, not to be confused with the second group that deny verbally Jesus as the Christ whom we must fear and not bid God speed. So that Jude throughout the book of Jude talks about the two groups of ungodly men, the same two groups that the Apostle John distinguishes in terms of false spirits and true spirits, in terms of those for whom you can pray and those for whom you can not pray as they have sinned the sin unto death. We can pray for those of "seared consciences"!

The Unwarranted Freedoms of the Book of Jude:

1. They have experienced initial salvation, but then the destruction of God:

"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not." (Jude 5 KJV)

2. They take excessive freedoms with initial salvation by defiling the flesh, by despising dominions and dignitaries:

"Likewise, also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominions, and speak evil of dignities." (Jude 8 KJV)

3. They are using initial salvation and grace for personal reward:

"Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward and perished in the gainsaying of Core." (Jude 11 KJV)

4. The excesses of their deeds and speeches remain to be punished at the end of time:

"To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. (Jude 15 KJV)

5. The Excusing's and Accusations of the American Conscience turns into Murmuring, Complaints, and Popular Orator by the ungodly men of the Seared Conscience:

"These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage." (Jude 16 KJV)

That we can not truly nail down who these ungodly men are in our times in the category of those who have not verbally denied Christ, that is from Jude, is because Jude while simply stating the fact that they will be among us even as they were among the Christians and Christian churches of the First Century does not make a complete identification because the other Apostles of Jesus have done so--

"But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit." (Jude 17,18 KJV)

Mockers

One way that we can find those Scriptures where the Apostles of Jesus have identified these of the Seared Conscience is by finding where the Bible and the Apostles in the bible of the New Testament wrote of "mockers". Unfortunately except for this passage in Jude, "mockers" is only an Old Testament word; however by the synonyms of mocker as given in those Old Testament passages we can find the equivalents of mockers in the New Testament: Job 17:2 where it is deceivers and mockers; Proverbs 20:1 where it is scorers and mockers; Isaiah 28:22 where the mocker shows self as a scorner; Psalms 35:16 where mocking is stammering; and Jeremiah 15:17 where mocking is to laugh, play, and deride.

1. Deceit, Deceive, and Deceivers from the Apostles.

(1). Deceit from the Apostle Paul.

"Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips..." (Romans 3:13 KJV)

(2). Deceive from the Apostle Paul.

"For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them." (Ephesians 5:5-7 KJV) "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." (Romans 16:17,18 KJV)

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, o by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." (II Thessalonians 2:1-4 KJV)

(3). Deceive from the Apostle James.

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:26,27 KJV)

(4). Deceive from Jesus and the Apostle Matthew.

"And Jesus answered and said unto the, take heed that no man deceives you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." (Matthew 24:4,5 KJV)

"And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many." (Matthew 24:11 KJV)

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matthew 24:24 KJV)

(5). Deceiving from the Apostle Paul.

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (II Timothy 3:12,13 KJV)

(6). Deceived from the Apostle Paul.

"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another." (Titus 3:1-3 KJV)

(7). Deceive and Self-Deception from the Apostle John. **"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (I John 1:8 KJV)**

"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that commiteth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning..." (I John 3:7,8 KJV)

NOTE: The difference in the two passes is in sinning and commiteth sin; or in sin which remains in every life even as the knowledge of good and evil remains in the spirit of every life, and the habit of sin as a way of life and a commitment of human spirit which is the "commiteth".

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Revelation 12:9 KJV)

NOTE: There is little doubt as to the Origin and Personification of Deceit in the Deceiver, Satan also called the Devil!

"And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." (Revelation 13:14,15 KJV)

NOTE: The beast that deceives is one of the Roman Emperors, also the son of perdition of whom Paul wrote that must come before the Second Coming of Christ.

"And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." (Revelation 18:23,24 KJV)

NOTE: The city of Rome as the New Babylon.

"And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." (Revelation 19:20 KJV)

NOTE: Judgment at the end of time and the Second Coming of Christ takes care of the beasts and the false prophets.

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season." (Revelation 20:1-3 KJV)

NOTE: Satan's activities after so effective through Rome and the Roman Empire for several centuries is isolated in that he can not longer deceive whole nations to the extent that he did Rome, only to be allowed extended influence after an indefinite period called a thousand years when at the end of time with the great tribulation of a destruction of heavens and earth, the Second Coming, and a new heavens and earth, Satan and all unbelievers go from the bottomless pit to the lake of fire and brimstone which is the Second Death!

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, God and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea." (Revelation 20:7-9 KJV)

NOTE: In my opinion that indefinite period of a thousand years has most probably just expired, Satan with the new democratic movements among the nations where people do more what they want than anything will again "deceive the nations".

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (Revelation 20:10 KJV) NOTE: The end of deception and Satan!

2. Scoffers from the Apostle Peter:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of his coming?" (II Peter 3:3,4 KJV)

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But,

beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (II Peter 3:7,8 KJV)

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (II Peter 3:10 KJV)

"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." (II Peter 3:13 KJV)

3. Deride from Luke, an associate of the Apostle Paul:

"And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things; and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before me; but God knoweth your heart; for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:14,15 KJV)

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God." (Luke 23:34,35 KJV)

Summary of the Seared Conscience

While all these Scriptures deserve and demand further discussion which will be done in the following chapters of this book, coming back to them for further foundations and development, we can now summarize the False spirits and False Prophets of the Seared Conscience as: (1) Those political leaders who like the "rulers" of New Testament times that Deride Christ Himself about His ability to save; (2) Religious leaders like the Pharisees who Derided Jesus because they were covetous of His own leadership and following; (3) Scoffers of the Second Coming of Christ that speak out of the lusts of their own hearts, either denying the Second Coming or confusing eschatology with the last days that started with the Ascension of Christ, also denying that one thousand years equals one day and vice versa; (4) The end fate of false leaders and false prophets who deceive is the same as that of the ultimate Deceiver, Satan; (5) Satan while still deceiving many in these days will be loosed and allowed to again deceive the nations as he deceived the Roman Empire after he has been bound for an indefinite period which John and Peter call a thousand years; (6) After the persecutions of the first few centuries Satan was handicapped in activities for an indefinite period of time in that he could no longer deceive whole nations awaiting the time of great tribulation when the heavens and the earth will also be destroyed--the One Great Day of the LORD and Lord of the whole Bible which should dominate our eschatology rather than a thousand years; (7) The city of Rome as the instrument of deception had the curse of God placed on it, a judgment on earth even before the Great Day of Judgment; (8) Satan, the Deceiver, was cast out of heaven to earth where he roams about as a "lion seeking whom he may individually devour" although his power is limited in that he can not deceive whole nations until near the time of the great tribulation of the destruction of heavens and earth; (9) Children of God are not to be deceived by Satan and those of the Seared Conscience by a recognition that outward righteous doing is a representation of inward righteousness while a habit of sinning shows such to be "of the devil" who practiced sin from the beginning; (10) Those who say there is no sin in their lives, before or after initial salvation, lie like the Devil and are far from "truth"; (11) Practitioners of the Good Christian Conscience, "willing to live honestly

in all things", were once Practitioners of the Seared Conscience--"deceived, foolish, disobedient, of divers lusts and pleasure, hating, and living in malice and envy; but now must be good citizens of government, not speaking evil of dignitaries as the ungodly men of Jude, so that Practitioners of the Seared Conscience: a. Speak evil of any man, b. Are brawlers, c. Are not gentle, and d. Do not show meekness to all men; (12) Practitioners of the Seared Conscience are evil men and seducers that both deceive and get deceived, waving worse and worse during their stay on earth; (13) So effective will be the false prophets and false Christs after the Ascension of Christ that if it were possible they would deceive the very "elect" from among those that are called Christians; (14) Many false prophets of the Seared Conscience shall arise in our times as well as New Testament times, and deceive many more than even the number of present false prophets; (15) Many will come after the life of Jesus in the name of Christ that are false, some even saying, "I am Christ"; (16) Adherents of the Seared Conscience can claim to be religious, deceiving themselves as well as others with words independent of the deeds of pure religion which is: (1) To visit the sick and fatherless; and (2) To keep themselves unspotted from the world; (17) Satan must first be loosed to deceive whole nations before the Second Coming of Christ comes, and Christians are not to be deceived about that time relationship as some with a Seared Conscience are quite willing to do out of lusts and the need for personal disciples; (18) Those who would cause divisions among Christians which are contrary to the teachings of the Apostles of Jesus as given in the Bible are Practitioners of the Seared Conscience, their motivations being their own bellies and lusts; (19) Vain words can be used by those False Leaders of the Seared Conscience to deceive Christians, but those False Leaders as whoremongers and covetous are not inheritors of the kingdom of God; (20) While deceit and lies and all manners of sin are part of the human spirit of all humanity, it is those of the Seared Conscience that can continue in such in the name of truth and Christ although they have been a partaker.

IV. : The Ephesians Supplement to Preaching Through the Bible in one year. (The Cause of Christ)

1. First a Bible reminder of the Cause of Christ found 3 times in Ephesians.

a. The Cause in Ephesians 3:1-6.

"For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel..."

It is by revelation from the Spirit of God the mystery of the Cause was given to man, whereas in all the ages and years of past before the first century this Mystery Cause was not made known. Now, in the first century and by Paul, it is revealed: “that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the Gospel.” Now that is a lot. (1) Gentiles are fellowheirs of citizenship in the kingdom of God and of His Christ; (2) Gentiles can become of the same body, the Church, as the Jews; and (3) without mentioning here the name of Abraham, the promise to Abraham is mentioned because it was foretold and recorded in Scripture that through Abraham and of His seed, Christ, should all the nations be blessed. This then and now, was like telling the people of Texas that they were of equal equality with yanks; in fact, worse, although thousands of Jews from all over the world were being saved, and added daily to the church and churches, every attempt at progress to assemble the Jews and the Gentiles together in one location was violently opposed.

b. The Cause in Ephesians 3:9-12.

“And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord...”

This is a mouthful, and even as my wife would often chide me for striving to write single sentence paragraphs without commas, so Paul rises to ecstasy as he speaks of this great new revelation of the First century, and of which he was called and chosen to be a messenger as an Apostle out of due time. Can we do justice to these 4 verses of the Word of God: first of all, the goal for Paul and the other Apostles was to get the message “to all men”, a similar goal of the Church today. God held back on humanity from the beginning of the world until the time of Jesus and the Apostles, Paul says God literal hid it from men as the THREE persons of the Godhead had known and decided from before the creation of the earth the facts of this cause, and almost parenthetically but important for sound Christian doctrine, Paul mentions like the Apostle John in John 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word and the word was with God, all things were made by him and without Him was not anything made which was made” – how God the Father and God the Holy Spirit created all things by Jesus Christ. “To the intent that now”, another way to say for this cause might be made known that has previously been mentioned and elaborate on as the same Cause in Ephesians 3:1-6 that Jews and Gentiles would be members of the same One Body, the Church. And while it may seem strange that in the local churches today, by and large the Jews remain separated in their

synagogues from the Church in the churches we have come full circle. At first in Jerusalem there were more Jews than Gentiles in the local church, now we see so few but increasing we are hearing good stories of Jewish Christians, and always have like a Jewish Christian evangelist, Hyman Appleman was preaching a revival meeting and sponsored by the SBC when I made my personal profession of faith in Christ at the age of 9 at the Ira Peak pastored church of Queensboro Baptist in Shreveport Louisiana.

2. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling..." (Ephesians 4:4)

Did you notice in Ephesians 4:4 that the essentials of Christian doctrine start off in couplets, first there is the couplet of the One Church and the One Holy Spirit; and then there is the couplet of the One hope which is of the Christian calling? Of course, again the One body of Christ, the Church is the Cause of the First Century and now. What you have here is a New Revelation and a New Appearance in Power of God the Holy Spirit. However, the "one body and on spirit" is the subject of another next chapter; then the "called in one hope of your calling" will be the subject of the following chapter.