

HEARING THE CALL OF GOD

Eze 2:1 And he said unto me, **Son of man**, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

The phrase “Son of man” speaks of the prophet’s humility and his dependence on the Holy Spirit to carry out his ministry. Jesus also used this title in reference to himself. It reveals God’s purpose of being linked to an earthly ministry.

Mt 8:20; 9:6, Mk 2:28; 8:31; Lk 5:24; Jn 3:13.

Jesus was always conscious of his relationship to man and his dependence on the Holy Spirit.

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“Stand upon thy feet” A courteous stance when being spoken to by the King of Kings. He came to attention to receive the divine message.

Dan 10:11 Daniel was told to “stand upright”
Daniel had a fear of God. (v.11) “stood trembling”
Daniel received divine direction with a divine purpose.

Exo 4:15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and **I will be with thy mouth**, and with his mouth, and will **teach you what ye shall do**.

God the “divine teacher” had dealings directly with Moses. Take note of the phrases: “I will be with thy mouth”--“and will teach you what ye shall do”

Eze 2:2 And **the spirit entered into me** when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that **I heard him that spake unto me**.

(**Eze 2:2**) - “the spirit entered into me”- Ezekiel was strengthened by the Holy Spirit to proclaim God’s divine message. Before effective ministry can be achieved in any nation, God requires all his servants to be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

(**Eze 2:2b**) “**I heard Him** that spake”. This was a divine call.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, **Get thee out of thy country**, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

(Gen 12:1) “**Get thee out** of thy country”. In order to fulfill his destiny it was necessary to leave family and country.

Exo 3:10 **Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh**, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

(Exo 3:10) “Come thou therefore, and **I will send thee** unto Pharaoh”

Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, **Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?** Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

(Isa 6:8) “**whom shall I send**, and who will go for us?” God was looking for a man that would go wherever He needed a preacher.

Act 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for **I have appeared unto thee for this purpose**, to **make thee a minister** and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

Act 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom **now I send thee**,

Men of God must hear the call for service. Once we have heard that call; make it our life’s purpose, to serve as anointed ministers whenever, wherever.

Act 26:16 “To make thee **a minister**”

2 Cor 3:6 “hath made us **able ministers**”

2 Cor 4:1 “we have **this ministry**”

2 Cor 5:18 “hath given us **the ministry** of reconciliation”

Eph 3:7 “Wherefore **I was made a minister**”

Col 1:25 “wherefore, I Paul am **made a minister**”

Perseverance is the responsibility of all believers. When we fulfill the perfect will of God, God will make us able ministers.

1 Tim 1:12 “putting me into **the ministry**”

1 Tim 1:11 “I am appointed a preacher, and **an apostle**, and a teacher.”

If we answer the divine call, God will send us somewhere to minister.

Paul makes it clear it was God that gave him the call for the ministry.

God spoke to Amos whilst he was working as a shepherd. He heard the voice of the Lord and in obedience to that word “go” began his ministry as a prophet of the Lord.

Amos 7:15 And the LORD took me **as I followed the flock**, and the LORD said unto me, **Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.**

Malachi simply had a burden to prophesy.

Mal 1:1 The **burden of the word of the LORD** to Israel by Malachi.

Jeremiah may have been called from birth, but God spoke to him directly to confirm his calling.

Jer 1:4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, **5Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee**; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* **I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.**