

Spiritual Songs of Faith

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- ***Does our heart make melody with them?***
- ***God's Conditional Promise of Providence***

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- *19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness.”*
- *21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be... 2Tim 2:19, 21*

We Decide!
By Our Choices

David Chose

- *The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people," 1Sam 13:14*
- *And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will.' Acts 13:22-23*

Before God Called!

David was a vessel for Honor

- *For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers, and underwent decay; Acts 13:36*

Prepared for every good work
Because of his Choices

Vessels for Dishonor

- *For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. Acts 4:27-29*

Because of their Choices

Vessel for Dishonor

- *For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth." Rom 9:17-18*

By His Choices

We Are all Vessels of Clay

- *Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? 22 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? Rom 9:21-24*

We Are all Vessels of Clay

- *But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. Isa 64:8*
- Since we are all clay what makes God choose some for honor and some for dishonor?
- Why are some vessels of wrath and others vessels of mercy?
- **Freewill** – David's choices made him a vessel of mercy
- **Freewill** – Pharoah's choices ... vessel of wrath

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- **God's Providence is given to vessels of honor and vessels of mercy**

All who are Called

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. Rom 8:28-30

All who Obey the Gospel are Called
He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess 2:14-15

Those Meet for The Master's Use

An Expectation of Providence

Acts 13:36

David ... in his own generation ... served the purpose of God

Began in his youth even before Goliath.

It will Begin for us the day we obey the Gospel

This is not for special people

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

Heb 12:1-2

By Faith

God Called

They Followed

Let us also run the race set before us...

Isaiah 6:8-9

Who will I send?

Here am I send Me

Great Cloud of Witnesses

- *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, Heb. 12:1-2*

Paul's role in God's Eternal Purpose

Eph 3:8-11

Though less than the least, Paul was called

As chief he is an example to us all

1 Tim 1:12-16

Find our gift & serve God's purpose in our generation

1 Pet 4:10-11

Here am I send Me

Not what we Don't Have...

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11

Are we our own worst enemy?

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

Moses: I am not eloquent

Jeremiah: "I am but a child"

Isaiah: "I am a man of unclean lips

Jonah fled, but God brought him back

Mordecai to Esther

Est 4:13-14

*who knows whether you have come to
the kingdom for such a time as this?*

An Expectation of Providence

Your People will be Volunteers

- *The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ² The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! ³ Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. ⁴ The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." Ps 110:1-4*

God removes all obstacles!

I am the only thing in the way!

Parable of the talents

To each according to his ability

Whatever your hand finds to do do with your might

Ability + Opportunity = Responsibility

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- **Can we Make Melody?**