

Not Many Mighty And Noble Are Called—Why?

By: Dan Jenkins

The words of Paul to the Corinthians reveal so much about the response to the gospel when the lost hear it. “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called” (**1 Cor. 2:26**). Why is this true? All of mankind is invited to come to Jesus, but so many of the mighty and noble do not answer the invitation. Much can be learned by looking at those who were mighty or noble who did respond.

There were those whom the Bible describes as noble who did respond. John chapter four describes a nobleman who lived in Capernaum and traveled more than twenty miles to see Jesus in Cana. His child was dying, and he begged Jesus to come and heal his son. Jesus told him to return home for his son would be healed. “So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went on his way” (**John 4:50**). Read it carefully. Unlike most who are noble and do not respond, this man responded because he believed the word of Jesus. Every noble man who believes and obeys the teaching of Jesus will be saved. Those who do not will be lost—not because they are noble but because they fail to listen to Jesus.

What about the mighty? The mighty are those whose position in life has placed them above others. An example of this would be centurions, the Roman officers who

commanded a hundred soldiers. Why is it that some centurions responded and realized who Jesus was?

Matthew chapter eight and Luke chapter seven describe a centurion who lived in Capernaum. He had used his own money to build a synagogue for the Jews. He sent the elders among the Jews to ask Jesus to heal his sick servant. As Jesus approached his house, the centurion gave this message to Jesus. “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.” He was a mighty man but realized the Mighty One. He said, “I did not think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.”

How did Jesus describe this mighty man? The Lord turned to that crowd who was following Him and said, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel” (**Luke 7:9**). Why did this man, this powerful soldier, find such favor from the Lord? His great faith was verbalized when he said that all that was needed was for Jesus to simply say the word. Mighty men whose hearts respond to the words of Jesus will be among those who are called and become the chosen (**Matt. 22:14**).

The gospel is for all mankind, but only those who are humble enough to listen to the words of Jesus will become the chosen people of God.

Who Is Able To Stand?

Article Selected

God is always looking for those that are standing for what is right or standing in the gap (**Ezek. 22:30**). God has given us what is needed to be able to stand today and stand forever.

Preparation is key to any endeavor, especially when it is connected to our service to God. It would make sense then that God has given us the tools to stand prepared in this life. “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil...Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore...” (**Eph. 6:10-14**). The full armor of God is so that we can stand firm. In this passage, we are told what it is for and then given the imperative to use it. The application of such a passage is readily available. God asks us to stand, expects us to stand and gives us the tools by which we can stand in this life against the influences of Satan.

How will I be able to stand in the judgment? God has yet again provided. With the opening of the sixth seal in the book of Revelation, we are given an image of judgment. All the bad things that were commonly associated with end times were mentioned, and then “they said to the mountains and to the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?’” (**Rev. 6:16-17**). The last question—“Who is able to stand in the face of the judgment of the Lamb?”—is as much a statement of despair as it is a question. Yet, it is answered in chapter seven.

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and

palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’... Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, ‘These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?’...These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb...They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes” (**Rev. 7:9-17**). If we stand now and fight the good fight, we are promised that we will stand forever in eternity with Him.



Upcoming Events

TODAY: Ben Moseley will be our guest speaker all day.

Sunday, Sept. 4: James Cammock will be preaching the morning sermon. There will be a potluck luncheon after morning worship, then Summer Youth Bible Series Awards. Singing to follow at 12:45pm

Sun. 9/11: Ron White will be preaching in the morning; Doug Jobs in the evening.

Sun. 9/18: Ron White will be preaching in the morning; Kevin Sheeran in the evening.

Area Events (More info on the bulletin board in the hallway):

Aug. 20: Ladies Day at Portland church of Christ

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Mike Atkinson who is recovering from his medical procedure.

Barbara Withers who is ill at home.

Clifton Rutherford's brother, Clinton, who is in recuperating at home.

Mickey Tisue recovering from back surgery.

Joyce Faires' son who suffered a stroke.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Les Daltry, Kin and Sandra Marie, Ann Pantel, Veronica Serenil, Clark Withers, Dee Gilpatrick, Faye Henderson.

Service Roster

Week of August 21, 2022

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading.....Ken Dorries
Song LeaderKen Dorries

Opening Prayer.....James Cammock
Closing Prayer.....Mike Atkinson

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread.....Bryant Siegel
Cup.....James Cammock
Offering.....Lupe Escojido
Assist.....Willie Fossati
Assist.....Jack Jobs
Assist.....Luke FitzSimmons

Sunday Evening

Song LeaderKirk FitzSimmons

Opening Prayer.....Lupe Escojido
Closing Prayer.....Rick Bass

Lord's Supper & Offering.....James Cammock, Willie Fossati

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class.....Prayer Meeting
Song LeaderKirk FitzSimmons
DevotionalPrayer Meeting

Other

Prepare CommunionBass

Congregational News

Birthdays

Christin Sneeringer.....Aug. 28
Yvonne Smith.....Aug. 29
Barbara Withers.....Aug. 31

Anniversaries

Clark & Barbara Withers.....Aug. 31

Food Helpers for the month of August - Team B.

If you have any prayer requests or upcoming events to be announced, please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030.

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Weekly Reading

“If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.”
1 Corinthians 3:14

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of August 21, 2022

A.M. Bible Class.....53
A.M. Worship.....66
P.M. Worship.....50
Wednesday Bible Class.....56
Offering week of August 21, 2022.....\$3,589

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