

VERSES ON GOD'S SPECIAL CALL

Genesis 4:26 26 To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of Yahweh.

Genesis 12:8 8 From there [Abram moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to Yahweh and called upon the name of Yahweh.

Genesis 21:33 33 Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of Yahweh, the Everlasting God.

Genesis 26:25 25 So [Isaac] built an altar there and called upon the name of Yahweh and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.

Exodus 3:4 4 When Yahweh saw that [Moses] turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, Moses, Moses! And he said, Here I am.

Isaiah 42:6-7 6 I am Yahweh. I have called you [Messiah] in righteousness. I will take you by the hand and keep you. I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 45:4 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen (בְּחִירָה), I call you [Cyrus] by your name. I name you, though you do not know me.

Joel 2:31-32 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of Yahweh comes. 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as Yahweh has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom Yahweh calls.

Matthew 4:21 21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

Matthew 9:13 13 Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

Matthew 11:27 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Matthew 22:14 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Mark 2:17 17 And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

Mark 3:13 13 And [Jesus] went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him.

Mark 6:7 7 And [Jesus] called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

Mark 10:46-48 46 And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! 48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, Son of David, have mercy on me! 49 And Jesus stopped and said, Call him. And they called the blind man, saying to him, Take heart. Get up. He is calling you.

Luke 5:32 32 I [Jesus] have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

Luke 9:1 1 And [Jesus] called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases.

John 5:21 21 ...As the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he desires.

John 6:44-45 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, And they will all be taught by God. Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me....¹

John 6:64-65 64 But there are some of you who do not believe. (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 ... This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.²

John 10:3 3 To [the shepherd] the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

Acts 2:21 21 ...It shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2:38-39 38 ...Peter said to them [as a general call], Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God [specially] calls to himself.

Acts 2:47 47 And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

¹ On what basis does the Father decide who to draw?

² On what basis does the Father grant a person to come to Jesus?

Acts 9:14 14 And here [Saul] has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.

Acts 9:21 21 And all who heard [Saul] were amazed and said, Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name?

Acts 13:2 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.

Acts 16:10 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 22:16 16 And now why do you [Saul] wait? Rise, be baptised, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.

Romans 1:1 1 Paul, a servant of Messiah Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God....

Romans 1:5-7 5 We have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, 6 including you who are [specially] called to belong to Jesus Messiah. 7 To all those in Rome who are loved by God and [specially] called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Messiah.

Romans 4:17 17 ...As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations—in the presence of the God in whom he [Abraham] believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 8:28-30 28 We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are [specially] called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also [specially] called, and those whom he [specially] called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 9:8-16 8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as seed. 9 For this is what the promise said: About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son [Isaac]. 10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's [predetermined] purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who [specially] calls— 12 she was told, The older will serve the younger. 13 As it is written, Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated. 14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. 16 So then it depends not on human desire or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

Romans 9:22-24 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand [predetermination] for glory— 24 even us whom he has [specially] called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Romans 10:12-14 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek. For the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Romans 11:28-29 28 As regards the gospel, [the Jewish people] are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the [special ethnic/national] calling of God [of Israel] are irrevocable.

1 Corinthians 1:1 1 Paul, called by the desire of God to be an apostle of Messiah Jesus....

1 Corinthians 1:2 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those set apart in Messiah Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Messiah, both their Lord and ours....

1 Corinthians 1:9 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Messiah our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:23-28 23 ...But we preach Messiah crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Messiah the power of God and the wisdom of God. ...26 Consider your [special] calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God [specially] chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. God [specially] chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. 28 God [specially] chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are.

1 Corinthians 7:15 15 But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.

1 Corinthians 7:18-24 18 Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ...20 Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. 21 Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. ...22 Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Messiah. ...24 So, brothers and sisters, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

Galatians 1:6 6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Messiah and are turning to a different gospel....

Galatians 1:15-16 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone.

Galatians 5:8 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you.

Galatians 5:13 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Ephesians 1:18 18 ...Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints....

Ephesians 4:1 1 I [Paul]..., a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called....

Ephesians 4:4 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call....

Philippians 3:14 14 I [Paul] press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Messiah Jesus.

Colossians 3:15 15 And let the peace of Messiah rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 11 For you know how, like a father with his children, 12 we exhorted each one of you, encouraged you, and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 24 He who calls you is faithful. He will surely do it.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 11 To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfil every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power....

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 13 God [specially] chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14 To this he [specially] called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Messiah.

1 Timothy 6:12 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Timothy 1:9 9 [God] saved us and [specially] called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Messiah Jesus before the ages began.

Hebrews 3:1 1 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession....

Hebrews 9:15 15 ...[Jesus] is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Hebrews 11:8 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

James 1:18 18 Of his own desire [God] brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

James 2:7 7 Are [the rich] not the ones who blaspheme the honourable name by which you were called?

1 Peter 1:15 15 ...But as [God] who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct....

1 Peter 1:17 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile....

1 Peter 2:9 9 ... You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2:20-21 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Messiah also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

1 Peter 3:9 9 Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

1 Peter 5:10 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Messiah, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

2 Peter 1:3 3 [God's] divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence....

2 Peter 1:10 10 Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

Jude 1 1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Messiah and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Messiah.

Revelation 17:14 14 [The ten kings] will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are [specially] called, [specially] chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19:9 9 And the angel said to me [John], Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.