

10 December 1992, Morning Sacrifice Londrina, Brazil
For Him or Against Him

Whoever is for our Master can stand and offer their body as living sacrifice. You are either for Him or against Him; either gathering or scattering; either building up or tearing down; for Him or against Him. Our Master knows our heart; we cannot fool Him, He knows if we are for Him or not. What does it mean to be for Him or with Him? Are you working for His cause or against His cause? Our Father knows the heart of every man. Salvation is a real mystery. Rom 8:28 — "We know that God causes all things to work together for the good to those who love Him." Do you love Him? "And who have been called according to His purpose." Have you been called according to His purpose? He has a purpose here on earth and He uses people to accomplish it. V. 29 — "For those whom God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son that He might be the first born among many brothers." Then, verse 30 solves the mystery: "and those He foreknew, He called; and whom He called, He justified; and whom He justified, He also glorified." Those that God foreknew, He also predestined. What does predestined mean? [God already had a purpose for that person to follow.] So He foreknew us. What does it mean? He knew us before we knew Him. He knew Abraham before Abraham knew Him. Gen 18:19- God knew Abraham for a purpose. The Hebrew is "I have known you." It might say 'chosen you', but it is, "I foreknew you." (If some of our guests passively wait and think, "Well, I'm just waiting for God to speak to my heart, then maybe they should consider that He hasn't foreknown them.) Eph 1:4 might tell us something else to help us understand this. He knew us before He made the earth. That seems impossible doesn't it? What did He know about you before He created the world? Did He talk about you in Gen 18:19 or was He just talking about Abraham? Who was He talking about? What does it say? You can see that our Father was for us a long time before we were for Him. Gen 18:19 — I have chosen him and who? and his descendants. Are we his descendants? As his descendants, what are we supposed to do? "I have chosen him that he would command his household generation after him to keep the way of YHWH by doing righteousness and justice; in order that I can give him what was promised him." So you can see what our purpose is. We are bringing about the promise that was made to Abraham. That is what we are living for. Are you living for that purpose? Are you with Him or not? 2 Tim 1:9 — He has called us because of His own purpose and grace and love. So since He called us because of His purpose, we are therefore to do His purpose. So salvation is not by our own effort to be saved, but it is His gift. His plan to save us according to Eph 1:4 was made in eternity past. He has a marvelous plan. He didn't make the earth and then choose us; He chose us and then made the earth and the universe. First he chose us and then He made all the universe because it is through us that His plan will be fulfilled. He chose the ruling people — Abraham — that is the covenant concerning the rule of God. He had us in mind first, to do His purpose, then He made the earth. He would never have made the earth if He had not first chosen you to do His purpose. I don't know why he chose you and me, but He knew. Rom 3:28 — We are justified by faith apart from doing anything good; and (Eph 2:8,9) it is by grace you have been saved through faith and faith is not from yourself but it is a gift from God. Remember when you didn't have any faith? He has given you a gift, so no one can boast and say, "Well, I worked for my faith." Eph 2:10 — "For we are God's workmanship, created in Messiah for good works which God prepared in advance for us

to do." In eternity, when He knew us and thought about us, He also thought about the good works that we would spend our lives doing. So we have it all set out before us — those good works. This is what makes every disciple extremely thankful and full of praise and thanksgiving to our master YAHSHUA that our Father was able by His power to draw us to His Son. And if His Son would not have been here on earth in a people, no one could ever have been saved. "No one can come to Me unless the Father draws them to Me." (Jn 6:44) So where is He? Where is YAHSHUA? He lives in people. And our Father draws people to His Son who is in you and then those people who have been drawn will all be taught by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. (Jn 12:25,26)

I was thinking this morning about how I was drawn and how, by His grace, I endured all these years especially in the beginning years. All I know is that after having done many things ignorant of His word, He called me. And after that, somehow my heart was continually for Him, for Him and for Him. And somehow He was able to use me. And that's how it is. We are for Him. Mt 12:30 — We are either gathering or scattering; for Him or against Him — never in a neutral state (Rev 3:16). We are either for Him or against Him, gathering or scattering, building up or tearing down. How do we destroy? How do we tear down? You cannot walk on two roads, drink out of two cups, eat off of two tables, love God and mammon. It is very clear that we can only be one or the other: either for or against. That means we are absolutely for Him, building with Him, loving the brothers, praying for His will to be done. Otherwise we are scattering — with our attitudes, with our indifference, with our compromises. Is that what He meant in Mt 12:30? Did He mean what He said? He is a man who said what he meant and meant what He said. We need to be the same. We say what we mean and we mean what we say — and — we are either for Him or against Him.

If you are for Him you can be part of the burnt offering sacrifice. Take care not to just do it to be a man pleaser, because if such is the case, the sacrifice won't ascend — it won't please our Master. You must be for Him in your heart — that is what it means to be a living sacrifice. We are either for Him or against Him. Whoever is for Him has praise and thanksgiving.

Emet — Before in the world I never could have imagined that God would have chosen me for anything — I thought I was just an organism. But I'm thankful He has given me faith and gives me faith to give myself today to everything He is doing here. I feel very honored that our Father would have chosen me. I know I was totally off the track and He chose me to use me to bring His word to others He wants to draw.

Yadon — He didn't look at our good works but our guilt and our need and He saved us from this. He extended mercy to us. He chose us, forgave us, justified us, and now He is saving us so He can glorify us.

Emet — We didn't know Him but He knew us and then He took away the blinders from our eyes and showed us the light. And now we are living in the light.

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1 Cor 6:9-11 — and this is what we were. Imagine! Our Father loves sinners — prostitutes, homosexuals, adulterers, swindlers — here we are. Our Father loves us; He forgave us. Those who are forgiven much all love much. We are lovers, aren't we — we love much. Do you love much? [Yes.] Amen.

[Thursday evening]

Shachar — This morning I learned that we are either gathering or scattering, either hot or cold. There is no way to be neutral. You can't be 'kind of' loving Him. You have to be wholehearted with a hot affectionate love for Our Master (1 Cor 16:22 — 'affection'). And He had us in mind before He even made everything. But He had all of us in His mind. He had hundreds and hundreds of descendants in mind before all of the universe was made, to rule over the millions and millions of planets. We were the major part of His plan. The most important part of His plan. Man was the most important thing in our Father's plan.

Deborah — I was thinking about the commandment he gave to Abraham to command his children. The reason He chose Abraham was to order his children after him in justice. This is not just teaching them good things the way Christianity teaches. But it means controlling them, having authority in our families. The nation has to teach their children as well so they can receive our hearts and enter into this covenant with our Father, this is part of His purpose.