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Which is Better?

Just think about how many people have been called. Many are called but few are chosen. Those who are chosen were chosen before the foundation of the world (Eph 1:4). Even our Master was a Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. Our Father knew what He had to do to have a bride/wife for His Son. We were fore-known. He knew all of our weaknesses and tendencies and He loved us anyway, and we want to be faithful. There we are on those horses (Rev 19:14). Imagine how many people were called there in Fortaleza. Many are invited and few chosen. Mt 22:14 - We are going to invite people here everyday. These people are called to be rulers of the universe. There is a drawing power, pulling a people to the light.

In the Old Testament days, they could not see the Holy Spirit unless He made an outward demonstration, dividing the red sea, water coming out of rocks, clouds. He did this because their faith was so weak. After seeing so many marvelous things, He allowed a few hard times and the complaints came out. It showed what was in their hearts. But we don't have those outward signs. He loves us especially because we believe and we have not seen those things. With us He is doing a new, marvelous thing. You can see what we are chosen for.

Psalm 78:8-11 - They forgot what He had done. Verse 12 - He did miracles - it tells all He did. They saw fire - the manifestation of the shekinah glory. (If our Father opened our eyes we could see angels around us - now.) In verse 17 - they continued to sin against God. They put Him to the test -

demanded food. So He opened up the heavens and gave grain. It rained down meat. He gave what they craved. Verses 32-41. Verse 43 shows His miracles.

Which is the best? Which do you prefer? To live by sight or by faith? He's gathering a people who will live by faith and experience His love by faith. The more we go out of our way to love our brothers and sisters the more we'll experience His love.

1 Cor 10:11 – That rock that led them out of Egypt was YAHSHUA – the One who was born as a baby many years later. That rock was Messiah. But was God well pleased with them? No. They too were baptized into Messiah. Verse 5.

The same thing happened with the first church. They saw everything – the blind healed, deaf cured, etc., but they fell in the same manner of unbelief. They stained their garments (Rev 3:4,5). Only a few pleased Him. Can He say that He is pleased with ALL of us. Why can't all of us please Him. He doesn't want to work with just a few. The working of the evil one comes and leads the majority astray. The evil one subverted their way, the way our Father provided for them, the wonderful way our Father gave Adam. He said, I know you've fallen but I'll give you a covenant (Gen 3:16-19) and if you walk in that way, you won't die a second time. Children, wives, husbands, families, stay within these limits, and I'll give you grace and protection. What did they do? It says that every thought and intention they

had were evil except for Noah and his sons. Everyone else's way was perverted.

1 Cor 6:7 – Why do we have the word? We are so thankful. What if we didn't have the word – all the bad examples of our forefathers? But now we know.

1,000 years after the flood a descendant of Shem was found – Abraham. His name was changed to Abraham and he believed in God and so God gave him righteousness. He said, Now, what I want you to do is walk blameless and cut off your flesh. Walk in the spirit, command your family. He was going back to that second covenant, but He was looking for even a greater thing – a holy nation, something greater than the nations. So He wanted Abraham to walk blameless and be a holy nation. It says to command your family so that the blessing he gave to Abraham could come.

So YAHSHUA came and said, "I am the way." He is the only way of reconciliation to the Father. He says, "If you squeeze Me out of your heart, I'll knock and keep on knocking until you let me in." The first church didn't do it. I don't think there was one person in Laodicea who had YAHSHUA (Rev 3:14-19) in the center, on the throne of their heart. They thought they were rich, but were poor, naked, blind.

But He is at the door of our hearts wanting to come in. How hard is it to do this? What makes it hard?

The secret is Hebrews 3:10 – They always go astray in their hearts.