

## CALLING THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY ARE

We Call Things That Be Not As Though They Are

- I. **God calls things that be not as though they are**-*Rm4:17*-As it is written, I have made thee the Father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead and calls those things which be not as though they were; **ER**-As the scriptures say, "I have made you a father of many nations." This is true before God, the one Abraham believed—the God who gives life to the dead and speaks of things that don't yet exist as if they are real; **AC**-Speaks of nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they already existed; **DLNT**-Calling the things not being as being; **JUB**-Calls those things which are not as those that are; **TL**-Speaks of future events with as much certainty as though they were already past
- A. This is scripture is referring to God calling Abraham the father of multitudes when that didn't exist-*Gn17:2*- I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. <sup>3</sup>And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, <sup>4</sup>As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram (exalted father), but thy name shall be Abraham (father of a multitude); for a father of many nations have I made thee.
- You can be something that you don't see yet-God made him the father of many nations and yet he can't see it
    - Things can be true that haven't happened yet-*Rm4:17-WE*-He believed God when he said that things were true even though they had not happened yet
    - God can give you something you don't see yet-*Nm27:12*-The land which I have given unto the children of Israel
  - God changed his name and is calling him something that does not yet exist-In the natural he is not the Father multitudes, that does not exist and yet God calls Him that (when that doesn't exist)
  - God is telling Abraham what to call himself and what He's telling him to call himself, in the natural, he is not-It wasn't just that God was calling Him this, Abraham was calling himself what God called him that did not yet exist
- B. Calling things that be not as though they are is the way God operates-As much as our God is a God who quickens the dead is as much as He is a God who calls things that be not as though they are; This is just who He is, how he operates
- God looks at something that isn't what He wants it to be and calls it what He wants it to be so that it will be-*Rm4:17-EHV*-Calls non-existing things so that they exist
  - God saw darkness, but called light-*Gn1:1*-In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. <sup>3</sup>And God said, Let there be light.
  - God called Gideon a mighty man of valour-*Jd6:12*-The Lord is with thee, you mighty (warrior, champion) man of valor (strength of mind in regard to danger, courage, bravery)
  - God saw them dying in their own blood and said live-*Ez16:6*-When I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee, when you were in your own blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when you were in your own blood live
  - God spoke to dry bones through the prophet-*Ez37:4*-Prophesy upon these bones and say unto them, O ye dry bones hear the word of the Lord <sup>5</sup>Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you and you shall live
  - God called Jericho was theirs-*Js6:2*-I have given into your hand Jericho, the king thereof and the mighty men of valor
- C. Jesus called things that be not as though they were-When we've seen Him we've seen the father-*Co1:15, Jn5:19,14:9*
- Peace was not, but he called it-*Mk4:39*-He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still
  - She was not loosed, but Jesus called her loosed-She was not loosed when he said that, but he called her what she wasn't so she could be what she wasn't-*Lk13:11-12*-Behold there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in now wise lift up herself <sup>12</sup>...Woman, you are loosed from thine infirmity
  - He was not clean, but Jesus called him clean-*Mt8:3*-Jesus put forth his hand and touched him saying, I will; be thou clean
  - Jesus called his ears opened-*Mk7:34*-Looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is Be opened
  - Jesus called it the way he believed, when it was not that way-*Mt8:13*-As you have believe so be it done unto you

6. If God calls things that be not as though they are and Jesus only says what the Father says, then Jesus will call things that be not as though they are-*Jn3:34-For he whom God has sent speaks the Words of God; Jn8:28-As my father hath taught me, I speak these things; Jn12:50-Whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me so I speak*
7. If God calls things that be not as though they are and we say what God says, then when too will call things that be not as though they are-If you're going to talk like God you're going to call things that be not as though they are

## II. We are to call things that be not as though they are

- A. We should conduct ourselves the way Jesus conducted himself-Religion is fine with you being like Jesus morally, but they choke when you conduct yourself the way he did- *1Jn2:6-AC-Whosoever says he abides in Him ought to walk and conduct himself in the same way in which He walked and conducted himself; Lk6:40-The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master; Eph5:1-Be ye therefore followers (imitators) of God, as dear children*
- B. We do not have the capability to just call whatever we want into existence-We don't have creative ability like God – Many have dismissed these scriptures and this teaching because they think that's what we are saying
- C. If God has said something to us, something about us, promised us something that doesn't exist we can call that into existence based on His Word-It's not us calling whatever we want, but discovering what God's will is and declaring it
  1. When Jesus taught us how to pray he taught us to call God's will into being-*Mt6:10-Thy will be done*
  2. Abraham can't just call himself the Father of multitudes and see it happen, but because God said it, he can say it-It's things He has foretold and promised that we call into existence
  3. It's not us causing it to happen, it's the Father who does the work-We are speaking the Words, He does the work
  4. I can take His Word and frame my world with my words-*Hb11:3-Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear*
- D. If God has said something about you that does not exist in the natural what do you do?-You call it into being based on what God has said – When you know something is God's will for your life and you don't see it you call it
  1. Keith Moore stories-Man smoking cigarettes saying, "I can't get free." – I'm free from nicotine
  2. The challenging thing for the flesh is you have to call it this way when it's not this way