

## CALLING THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY ARE

### What Are You Calling It?

- I. **We are to call things that be not as though they were-Rm4:17-As it is written, I have made thee the Father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickens the dead and calls those things which be not as though they were; ER-The God who gives life to the dead and speaks of things that don't yet exist as if they are real**
- A. Calls things that be not as though they were is the way God operates-This is who He is, this is how He operates
- B. Calling things that be not as though has two applications:
- Speaking of things that don't exist as if they do-Rm4:17-AC-Speaks of nonexistent things [He has foretold and promised] as if they already existed; TL-Speaks of future events with as much certainty as though they were already past; ME-Calls those things that do not exist as though they did
    - God called Abraham the Father of multitudes when that didn't exist-He didn't want until it existed to call it
    - The principle is that if God has promised you something that doesn't exist yet call it like it exist right now-God has Abraham call himself something that does not exist yet-Do you call it before or after it happens?
  - (By doing #1, you're) Calling into being what doesn't exist-Rm4:17-AM-Calls into being that which does not exist; Gn1:2-Darkness was on the face of the deep. God said let there be light; Mk4:39-Peace; Lk13:12-Loosed; Mt8:3-Clean; Mk7:34-Opened
- C. To talk like God you have to call things that be not as though they are-That's how He talks-1Jn2:6,Ep5:1,Lk6:40
- To speak the Word demands that you call things that be not as though they were because there will be times when what you see in the word isn't what you see in your life-It was this way with Abraham
- D. We do this according to what God has spoke-We don't have ability to call whatever we want into being-Rm4:17-AC,Nm14:40
- II. **The opposite of calling things that be not as though they were is calling it like it is-The way it is what you call it-Nm13:27-We came unto the land where you sent us, and surely it flows with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. 30 Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. 31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. 32...The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 33 There we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight; Ex23:23-My Angel shall go before thee and bring you in unto the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off. 28 I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before you. 30..until you be increased and inherit the land**
- A. The pay no attention to what God said and just call it like it is-Everything they said is factual; In the natural their enemies are stronger than them and are not able – That's what is
- B. We are well able: This be not-They don't see or feel this, but they call themselves this based on what God said
- C. Calling it like it is saying what you see, saying what you perceive with your senses
- When you're calling it like it is: 1) You're not speaking about what God has promised like it already exist, you're speaking like it doesn't exist 2) You're not calling something into existence you're calling what already exist
- D. God doesn't say what He sees, He says what He wants-We don't say what we see, we say what God wants and if what we see is not what God wants, we don't say what we see, we say what He wants-Gn1:1,Lk13:8, Mk4:36, Gn17:5
- E. We're not pretending it's not the way it is, but we're not calling it that way, we're calling it something else-God didn't pretend it wasn't dark, Jesus didn't pretend there wasn't a storm, but they called it something different
- I know what is and I don't want it to be that way because God doesn't want it that way so I'm not calling it that way-You don't pretend you don't have symptoms, you may have all the symptoms but you call yourself healed
- III. **We discover the way God wants it (the will of God) and call it that way when we can't see it**
- A. Jesus found out the Father's will and decreed it-He wasn't walking in darkness where the will of the Father was concerned-Jn8:28-I do nothing of myself; Jn5:19-The son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do; for what things soever he

does, these also does the Son likewise; 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judged (decide) and my judgement is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which sent me; **Jn12:49**-I have not spoke of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say

1. Spoke to the storm-Father please calm this storm?-**Mk4:39**-*Rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, peace, be still.*
  2. Spoke to the leper-Father please cleanse him of this leprosy?-**Mt8:3**-*I will be thou clean*
  3. Spoke to the Jairus' daughter-Father please raise her up?-**Mk5:41**-*Little girl I say unto thee arise.*
  4. Rebuked the fever-Please heal her of this fever?-**Lk4:39**-*He stood over her and rebuked (charge) the fever and it left her*
  5. Spoke to Lazarus-Father please raise him?-**Jn11:43**-*Lazurus come forth*
- B. We find out what God says (His will) and decree it-We don't just say what we see-**Mt6:9**-*After this manner pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed by thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will (decree) be done (come into being)*
1. Thy will be done is calling things that be not as though they are-If is His will were being done, there would be no need to say this and so His will is not being done and where that his happening, you say His will be done
  2. Knowing and being convinced of the will of God is vital because that's what I'm authorized to call-You discover His will in His word and by His spirit-**Eph5:17**-*Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will (decree, desire) of the Lord is*
- C. Jesus taught us to call that mountain what you want it to be-This is so foreign to so many and yet it's Jesus' normal mode of operation-**Mk11:23**-*I say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea and shall doubt in his heart, but believe that those things which he say shall come to pass he shall have whatsoever he says*
1. Religion trains you to call it like it is and then asks God to do something-There's a big mountain in my way, I struggle with mountains; God please move the mountain – What is the will of God? Call it, decree it
- D. What are you calling it? What it is or what God wants it to be?-If you call it like it is, it'll stay like it is-**Mk11:23**
1. What you call it has everything to do with what you see happen-**Nm14:28**-*As you have spoken in mine ears, so will I do*