

Prophet's Column

"The Effectual Call"

By J. M. Little

Our subject at this time is The Effectual Call. In Romans 8:30 we find these words: "Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified." The effectual call is a call from on high, it comes from the courts of heaven to an elect soul.

I was riding in the car just this morning and heard a preacher on the radio preaching on the effectual call. The effectual call is one of my favorite doctrines in the Word of God. A message on this subject always blesses my heart.

Throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity I'll never forget when God gave me the effectual call. This call is a personal call, a distinguishing call. When the Holy Spirit called me, He showed me I was lost, a lost sinner. When I received the call, I was never the same again.

A lot of you young folks today are very religious but you are not saved. This call to my heart let me see for the first time what my trouble was, I was lost and had never been saved.

No soul is ever saved apart from the effectual call to his heart. When the Holy Spirit gives you the effectual call, He shows you your far distance from a holy God, and you begin to weep and cry because you are so far from the Lord.

You come to feel the gulf between you and God. Once you thought you were so close to God, now you see you did not know the God of the Bible. The god I knew, or thought I knew before was not the God of the Bible but a god of my imagination.

The great multitudes practically one hundred percent of all our religious folks have never received the effectual call. Therefore, you are just wallowing in religion while you are lost and on the road to Hell.

Ebony Group

Is Developing

Idea And Dream?

Continue from Page 1. McMullen) volunteered to be treasure-secretary and I was left with the chairman of the board." Stratford said.

They began telling people about their plans and recruiting friends and acquaintances who were interested in acting. The play was promoted mainly by word of mouth.

The Charlotte Little Theatre, where the first play was held, agreed to wait for its pay until after the play.

The papers of incorporation arrived on June 1, 1976, approximately two weeks before opening night.

And about seven months after the idea was perceived the company opened to a full house on June 17 at the Charlotte Little Theatre with Ceremonies in Dark Old Men by Lonnie Elder III.



Shane Sanders, a cute little lady with very engaging eyes, was caught enjoying a hamburger at McDonald's on Freedom Drive last Sunday afternoon. This captivating young lady is the daughter of Ms. Cynthia Sanders of 9215 Edgeville Dr. (Photo by Milton Hinnant)



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been born. Most of you have already been added to the number that will spend eternity in Hell. You can't go on like you are going, if you do you are going to bust Hell wide open.

The greatest thing that can happen to you as a sinner is for the Lord to give you this irresistible call. The effectual call is an irresistible call. It comes from the throne of God. You can't resist it no matter how hard you try.

Some of you are very angry with me and have said that you will never listen to me again. If God gives you the effectual call you'll listen to me. And if He never gives you the effectual call you are going to Hell just as straight as a martin to his gourd.

Listen again: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after

When the Lord gave me that call, I saw the judgement all around me. Not only was I lost and under the judgement of a sin avenging God, but I saw the whole world lost. You see, when the Holy Spirit begins to awaken you, and teach you, He shows you eternal things, things you never dreamed of. He gives you knowledge. So, if you have ever been taught by the Spirit of God you know I'm telling the truth.

Like I told that postmaster, I don't care whether I live or die, I know where I'm going. I know whose I am and whom I serve. You can kill me if you want to, I'll go be with Christ and you'll go to Hell.

My prayer is that you will be brought to know Christ as your Lord and your Saviour, Whom to know aright is life eternal.

the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things are: That no flesh should glory in His presence.

There you have it. God takes the nothings and despised of the world, like me, and saves them and my glorying in the Lord Jesus Christ. The greatest thing in all this world is just to know Christ. I'd rather have Christ than tenthousand worlds of gold and silver.

Do you know Christ? Do you want to know Christ? Some of you say you want to know Christ. Why aren't you saved? If you truly want to know Christ you can know Him. God only gives His Son to the sinner who wants Him above everything and everybody.

One day I was brought by the Holy Spirit to want Christ above everything under the sun, and you will too if you are ever to be saved. If you do want Christ, then the Holy Spirit is dealing with you in mercy, don't spurn the mercy of God. For your own soul's sake don't trifle with the convictions He has given you.

Turn to the Lord, ask Him to turn you. My prayer is that you will be brought to know Christ as your Lord and your Saviour, Whom to know aright is life eternal. Don't turn back but follow on to know the Lord.



BASKETBALL, ANYONE?

If you are a basketball fan nut with an urging desire to get involved in a pick-up game, Veterans Park is the place for you. Caught in fast action late Monday afternoon are, left to right, Greg Williams, Jacob

Johnson, Pete Woodard, Julius Coperson, Lewis Hall, David Gaddy, Cedric Davis and Harry Hammonds. (Photo by Milton Hinnant)

Public Housing

Is Financed

By Residents

Continue from Page 1. percent of adjusted income. A year ago the family was burned out of their slum house. "I had put a lot of money into it because the landlord wouldn't fix it. I have five kids. After the fire we had to sleep on floors and back porches of friends," said the Cherry resident.

In February she went back to the Housing Authority, but this time they couldn't find her file. "I waited and waited. It was a terrible experience. Finally I just took my name off the list," said the woman. Federal guidelines for public housing state that "no quotas or other devices," except as necessitated by rent-range allocations, are to be established to limit the number of families on public assistance.

According to guidelines adopted by the Charlotte Housing Authority in July, 1977, a tenant with a \$1200 adjusted annual income would pay no rent. A person with a \$10,000 adjusted income would pay 25 percent, or \$208 a month gross rent, which includes basic utilities.

Federal guidelines state that rent ranges are "to insure the financial solvency and stability of the program and to maintain a socio-economic cross section."

In what sense then is public housing "public?" While it does not return a profit to the owner, as private housing does, public housing is not paid for by local taxes. It is not available to the poorest section of the population (it is subsidized (except minimally) by the federal government.

is not built by the government (it is built by private contractors at a profit).

So who pays for public housing? Not the rich, not the middle-class homeowner, but the low income residents themselves. In the wake of Proposition 13 in California and other tax revolts, it is time to get the facts about public housing rather than rely on commonly accepted myths. Too often the poor are blamed for high taxes, when in reality they are the ones shouldering the burden.

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