

# Rising to the Callings

## Introduction

What is a "call"?

1. First, a "call" is an irrevocable act of God. Rom. 11:29
  - A. It is considered a call because God "calls it into being". Rom. 4:17; Gen. 1:3 Gen. 1:6
  - B. After calling it into being, that action is usually followed by identification--a naming which establishes its identity. Gen. 1:5, 8; 2:19
    1. When was your first Calling by God? You were "called" forth from your mother to be the son of your father into the physical realm. Rom. 4:17; Is. 49:1
    2. It was an act of God.
    3. What follows that "calling forth" by God?
  - C. If you are a son of God, you have experienced another calling of God. When you were called forth from the physical realm into the spiritual realm. 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 John 3:1
2. Furthermore, a "calling " of God establishes a special relationship. It refers to a position or place in God's order of the creation. This defines the individual to a greater degree. Rom. 9:11; Gal. 4:7
3. Not only is a call an irrevocable act of God that establishes a special relationship, but additionally, a calling has responsibilities, privileges, and promises. This further defines the individual. Gen. 1:28; Gen. 2:15
  - . With every calling by God there are responsibilities outlined in God's Word that prepare the individual for the next calling.
    1. As sons/daughters of our fathers and mothers, God's Word has clear directives as to our duties and responsibilities. Eph. 6:1 -2; Prov. 6:20-22; Prov. 23:26; Titus 2:4-8; Phil. 2:5-7
  - A. With every calling by God there are privileges.
  - B. With every calling by God there are promises that provide hope.
4. Our faithfulness to that calling is vital preparation for all other callings in life. If we are not faithful or ignore our calling, we'll be unprepared for the next calling. If someone ignores the call of God, runs from the call, or isn't led to prepare for the next call, they will experience the consequences.

What are the "Callings" to which we need to rise?

Why is this important?

How do you rise to the call of God?

1. First rise to the call as a son/daughter of your father.
2. Rise to the call of God as a son/daughter of God.