

A Special Relationship.

“For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me” , Hebrews 2:11-13.

That special relationship is composed of three aspects, and found in the three verses of the text above,

1. Sanctification, verse 11. If we have not been sanctified how can we know the true Word of God?
2. Declaration, verse 12. If we are not prepared to declare the endless mercies of God, why did we stand and seek to receive what we are not prepared to broadcast?
3. Absolute trust, verse 13. If we do not place our complete trust in God, how are we going to fight Satan and oppose his works?

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4. The Word of Wisdom,

5. The Word of Knowledge, 1 Corinthians 12:8,

3. The Gift of Faith,

4. The Gifts of Healings, 1 Corinthians 12:9,

5. The Working of Miracles,
6. The Gift of Prophecy,
7. The Discerning of Spirits, 1 Corinthians 12:10.
8. Different Kinds of Tongues,
9. The Interpretation of Tongues.

The Apostle Paul was also led by the Holy Spirit to speak to the Galatian Church of the nine spiritual fruits that would enrich their fellowship with the Godhead,

10. Love,
 11. Joy,
 12. Peace,
 13. Longsuffering,
 14. Gentleness,
 15. Goodness,
 16. Faith Galatians 5:22,
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8. Meekness
 9. Temperance, Galatians 5:23.

Thus, we have above two spiritual road maps, that, providing we follow them, we will inherit an 'Out of this world relationship with our Lord and Saviour throughout eternity!'

In closing, I make the following observations,

Jesus did not sit at a desk planning where to send His Disciples to next. He sought His Father's advice, and sent that person. This left Jesus free to lead by example, for the Father was able to send His Son where His Son was most needed.

Friend, it is time to stop looking at the maps for a shortcut, for God has set the length of travel for everyone, that none may complain that they had to travel further than others did.

To enrol I our Lord' s Army, the Lord looked for fishermen, tax collectors, ordinary people, and in some instances, those He had healed.

He did not look for academics, professionals, or high priests. He sent those the Holy Spirit could lead.