

Replaced



I wish to talk to you about the term "replaced" and what it means in the big scheme of Gods plan for mankind and also in a more narrow sense for us as individuals. This is a cautionary tale meant to alert us to the very real prospect of our own replacement if we refuse to give way to our Fathers will.

In the natural world a machine has a number of parts which are vital and absolutely necessary for it to function properly. If, for example, one of those parts is lost or stolen it must be replaced or else the whole machine grinds to a halt. So to in God's economy, all the parts of His plan must be present and functioning in order for His will to be accomplished. If a certain part of His plan refuses to take up their function He must look for a replacement or else His plan will fail.

Here is a truth,

"God's will is always paramount and will be accomplished no mater what and no matter who."

God is eternal and so views time very differently than we do simply because He is not bound by it. Therefore, because time does not matter to Him in the same way it does to us He views history as a series of events that may take place rather than events that must happen at a certain time. With God it is not so much a mater of when but a mater of will.

Therefore, it is the event that is important and God works single mindedly towards that event while at the same time being rather flexible as to timing and exactly who will fulfill it. For instance, though it was Gods will that the children of Israel proceed directly from Egypt into His promised land the

original people were replaced due to unbelief. It took forty years longer but the children of that new generation fulfilled His will.

And interesting point is that though God promised the "children of Israel" a land flowing with milk and honey the original children of Israel that were called did not possess the promise. Theologians of that day might have mistakenly taught that because God had promised the land to them that He was bound to give it to them. However, they might have failed to understand that God's concept of the children of Israel was a lot broader than the original generation which He brought out of Egypt. Therefore, though He destroyed the unbelieving generation of the children of Israel still a new generation of the children of Israel fulfilled His promise exactly as He had foretold it. To God, this was consistent with fulfilling His word.

The point is that we never have God backed into a corner and He is never out of options. We can never put God in theological checkmate. We should never be so presumptuous to think that God must do things the way we have it figured out based on our perceptions of His word. Really, my friends, don't you think the creator of the Heavens and Earth was clever enough to put into His word anything He wants?

Here are some scriptural examples of replacement in Gods word. For instance when queen Vasti would not answer the kings call Esther replaced her. Moreover, Ishmael was replaced by Isaac and in the next generation Esau was replaced by Jacob. When Saul would not obey the word of the Lord David was chosen to replace him. When Judas sold Christ for 30 pieces of silver another was chosen to take his place and complete the twelve. Even the chosen nation of Israel was cut off for a season and replaced by the gentile church. Even when the first Adam sinned a second Adam was created to replace him too. If you stop and think about it anyone can be replaced if they set themselves against Gods will.

Here is a truth,

"While God's word is unchangeable who actually accomplishes it is, many times, open to question."

A promise of God is simply that: a pledge to do something if you obey. While a promise of God will certainly be fulfilled it is not a must that it will be fulfilled by you.

In conclusion, we must value the promises given to us and treat our Fathers will with the respect and obedience it deserves. Though none can forcibly remove us for our Fathers hand we can certainly choose to go astray if we wish. Therefore, it is vital that we do not frustrate His will in our lives, for if we do, His designs will certainly be accomplished with or without our participation.

