

Acts 15:13-18

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The Compassionate Sovereignty of God

James, the Lord's brother, pastor of the church, presiding at the Council:

1. God in compassion visits the Gentiles, opens the door for them, to take out of them a people for His name. This is the purpose of the present age. The ἐκκλησία, the church, the called-out body of Christ.

2. "After this I will return." Cites Amos 9: 11, 12. When church completed, all members added to that body, the Lord will come again.

3. Restoration of Israel follows after his return. The tabernacle, David will be built up again. Look upon this when they pierced. "Whence these wounds on thy hands, feet?" "Pierced in the house of my friends." "Mourn because I live - as a lost son. Rejoice then righteous King. A nation born in a day.

4. Thus all the Gentiles will seek after the Lord. World conversion.

"to take out of them a people for his name"
ἐκκλησία "a called out group"
15:18 "knows unto God":

The sovereignty of God
15:7 God made choice
: 8 God gave His
: 9 just no difference
: 14 God did not
: 14b to take out a people
: 18 knows unto God.

γ. 14:48

Human observation - from this stage below.
Some respond - some do not. Many, all do.
God knows - sees from beginning.

The sovereignty that molds us.
Born in Africa - Tibet, Arab, yellow?
Born in 1610 - 1810 - 1910?
Born male, female?
Structure, eyes, ...
Providence - death, disease, accident?

And this - the open door to enter us. His choice
of us. To be saved.
(a) The privileged son. Disobedient. Breaks heart of parents
wretched. The son, entering us.

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THE COMPASSIONATE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

The Jm. Conf. - ^{Acts 11:13-14} - ^{intend to do} ^{what they} ^{desire} ^{that} ^{the} ^{Lord} ^{will} ^{do} ^{for} ^{us} ^{and} ^{for} ^{the} ^{world} ^{at} ^{large} ^{and} ^{for} ^{the} ^{Church} ⁱⁿ ^{particular}.
Did intend to do for. ^{become} ^{convinced} ^{of} ^{your} ^{faith} ^{and} ^{its} ^{revelation}?

James, pastor. leads, speaks finally: this is something God
has done. a work, the Almighty.
How he states it: 15:14. For the people, the time
now, I think, do you are side of side, together, in what
and explicit contrast. The judges claimed
a divine right to the latter time: they alone were the people.
The rest of the world were the heathen - the nations - the Gentiles.
But James declares: and has taken out of the Gentiles
as they have of the world were. The ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ calls
something God has done. His sovereignty

- 15:7
- :8
- :9
- :14
- :14
- :18

He now decisively his judgment, decision, will, then thing:
(1) The record, trust of James (Heb) 15:7-11
step 7 conclusion, Acts 15:11

(2) Confirmation of the prophets (pl).
as idea are, Amos 9:11, 13
may show: Jas 2:3
11:9, 10
66:23

(3) Affirmation of the Holy Spirit - the elders at Jm. 15:28
Now, the rejoicing in the Church
15:27, 31; 4:11:18
the goodness of God to us, as Gentiles
Eph. 3:6

