

Another Man

Introduction:

- A. 1 Sam.10:6-- "*...and the Spirit of Jehovah will come mightily upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, **and shalt be turned into another man.***"
- B. Consider the background to passage.
- C. Did Saul, against his will, become something only God wanted him to become?
 - 1. With God's help he was able to change into the person God wanted him to be.
- D. We want to examine some things which will cause us to become "*another man.*"

I. Events.

- A. Often times events cause us to change.
- B. The story of Jonah is a good example.
 - 1. Jonah 1:2– God told Jonah to prophesy against Nineveh.
 - 2. Jonah 1:3– Jonah is disobedient and even flees.
 - 3. Jonah 1:4-16– God punishes Jonah with a terrible storm where he is thrown overboard.
 - 4. Jonah 1:17– "*And Jehovah prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*"
 - 5. Jonah 2– After he prays to God Jonah is vomited out upon dry land.
 - 6. Jonah 3:1-3– A second time he is told to go to Nineveh.
 - 7. These events changed Jonah so that he went and did as God had directed him.
 - 8. He learned that God won't accept NO for an answer!
- C. The Prodigal Son is another good example– Lk.15:11-32.
 - 1. These events changed him from being a rebellious son to one who longed to be with his father.
- D. We should learn from events which take place in our lives as well, allowing them to change us into the type of person God wants us to be.
- E. We should learn to be patient from the temptations we endure – Js.1:2-4.
- F. We should also learn obedience from our sufferings – cf.Heb.5:8,9.
- G. We should learn to be content in whatever state we are in – Phil.4:11-13.
- H. Sometimes events cause people to obey the gospel.
 - 1. Death of loved one causes some to think about the brevity of life and thus to need to act quickly.
 - 2. Or a near auto accident.
- I. With every event in life, **Pause–Ponder–Profit.**

II. Duties.

- A. Sometimes a realization of duties will cause us to change to be like God wants us to be.
- B. Moses is an example.
 - 1. Ex.3:10– God calls Moses to deliver the Israelites out of Egypt.
 - 2. Ex.3:11,13; 4:1,10– Moses is hesitant to go.
 - 3. Ex.4:18-ff– He changes from being a keeper of sheep to being the leader of Israel.
 - 4. He made the change with great hesitation, but realizing the duties places upon him he DID change into the person God wanted him to be.
- C. Paul is another example – Acts 26:14-20.
- D. When we realize the responsibilities God has placed on us, it should change us into the person God wants us to be.
- E. Obedience to God is the primary duty we have – Eccl.12:13,14.
- F. Those in Christ are expected to be full of good works – Eph.2:10; Titus 2:14.
- G. If we will just realize the responsibilities the Lord has given us we will be moved to act – we will be changed into the person God wants us to be.

III. Teaching.

- A. The gospel of Jesus Christ is God's power to save – Rom.1:16.
 - 1. We must believe it for it to save us – Mk.16:15,16; 1 Cor.15:1,2.
- B. Through the teaching of this gospel men are changed from being **unsaved** to being **saved** – 1 Cor.6:9-11; 2 Cor.5:17; cf.Jn.3:3-5.
- C. Have you allowed the gospel of Christ to change you into another person – into a Christian, one saved from the consequences of your sins?

IV. Death.

- A. Death will cause us to become a new person.
- B. Paul shows the reality of the resurrection, something some denied – 1 Cor.15:50-53; 2 Cor.5:1-4.
- C. Those who have been obedient unto the Lord will be changed to receive eternal life.

Conclusion:

- A. We have noticed several today who allowed God to change them into what God wanted them to be.
- B. Are you willing to let God turn you into the person He wants you to be?
- C. Take that first step today by obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ.