

## Unrecognizable Session 2 – Living the Distinct Life

### I. Introduction

- Last week –
  - We are called to be distinct
  - Distinct – a difference or contrast between two similar things
  - We are similar to others living in this world
  - We are distinctly different
  - Distinction – there is something that is visible to those around us that sets us apart
  - The Distinction is GOOD – *When we speak of the change that occurs at our salvation – it is a GOOD change – it will appear as GOOD*

**A. 1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)** – But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

**1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)** – But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light

**1 Peter 2:9 (YLT)** – and ye are a choice race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired, that the excellences ye may shew forth of Him who out of darkness did call you to His wondrous light;

1. We are chosen
2. We are royalty
3. We are holy!
4. We are God’s own possession
5. We are called into distinction – light vs darkness
6. We will demonstrate the goodness of God to those of this world.

## II. Examples of Distinction in the Bible

### A. Last week – Deut 28:1-14 – summary

**Deuteronomy 28:13 (KJV)** – And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

### B. Other Passages on distinction

**Exodus 8:23 (NIV)** – I will make a distinction between my people and your people. This sign will occur tomorrow

**Exodus 9:4 (NIV)** – But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and that of Egypt, so that no animal belonging to the Israelites will die.'"

**Exodus 11:7 (NIV)** – But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.' Then you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

**Malachi 3:18 (NIV)** – And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

## III. Distinction is the Set-up for the Blessed Life

A. **2 Corinthians 6:17(KJV)** – Wherefore come out from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

### 1. Separate – /gr = to mark off from others

= in a bad sense – exclusion – to get away from

= in a good sense – to appoint to something – set apart for some purpose –

### 2. Biblical Separation is connected to my DISTINCTION

And is a GOOD thing and renders GOOD results or a GOOD harvest in my life – that others will SEE

3. **Non-biblical separation is DISTINCTION in the negative = it is legalism that repels rather than grace that draws –**
4. **To appoint to = something/some position/to some benefit/**

**The fact that I am DISTINCT means that:**

- **I am appointed unto – righteousness**
- **I am appointed unto grace**
- **I am appointed unto blessing**
- **I am appointed unto victory**
- **I am appointed unto overcoming**
- **I am appointed unto winning**
- **I am appointed unto success**
- **This is the FRUIT of my DISTINCT position in Christ =**
- **The Old Covenant gave the DISTINCTION of being the Head and not the tail**
- **The New Covenant will also give a blessed Distinction that will draw GOOD attention**

**B. The Words that God uses to describe His people**

1. Blessed, head, leader, redeemed, overcomer, delivered, justified, healed, forgiven, saints,
2. These words are not associated with the curse
3. Curse words = defeated, broke, sick, weak, lack, plague, failure, destruction, pain, perish, captivity, COMPARE Deut 28 passages on the blessing and on the curse

**C. The Law of Distinction – what is common for everyone else is not going to be common for you!**

1. **Common** Def= things shared by everyone in a group – widespread
2. Cambridge – the same for a lot of people
3. The Law of Distinction – says = I will make you the EXCEPTION

4. **Exception** = *A case where the rule does not apply*  
= *One that is excluded from or not in conformance to the general rule.*

**5. Examples of Exception –**

- a. Daniel in the lions den = Lions eat people – with the exception of Daniel
- b. Three Hebrew boys in the fire – Fire burns people with the exception of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- c. Poison Snake bites kill – with the exception of Paul
- d. When ships sink people drown – with the exception of Paul and his fellow prisoners.
- e. **Psalm 91:1-8 (KJV)** – <sup>1</sup>He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup>I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. <sup>3</sup>Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. <sup>4</sup>He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. <sup>5</sup>Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; <sup>6</sup>Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. <sup>7</sup>A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. <sup>8</sup>Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked
- f. The majority of the church has always viewed THE DISTINCTION/ being separate in the negative sense.
- g. The DISTINCTION from God’s perspective is always in a positive position
  - =*Exempt from poverty*
  - Exempt from sickness*
  - Exempt from weakness*
  - Exempt from lack*
  - Exempt from the curse*

***THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE DO NOT ENCOUNTER SUCH THINGS – HOWEVER WE HAVE AN ANSWER WHEN WE DO!***

**IV. Embrace the Distinct Life**

**A. Be the exception**

1. To be the exception isn't to be better than
2. We are not BETTER than – we are DIFFERENT than.

**B. Daily –**

1. At work
2. At school
3. At public
4. At home
5. In times of TROUBLE/BATTLE
6. Exceptional people have exceptional battles –
7. Do everything to allow the brightness of His glory /distinction to shine forth from your life!