

# **BA61. Continuing to Make Our Being Called & Being Chosen a Certainty.**

*We are to continue to make our being called and being chosen a certainty.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 22:14 (NKJ)

*For many are called, but few are chosen.*

2 Timothy 1:9

*...since he delivered us and called us to a life of holiness as his people. It was not because of our deeds, but because of his own purpose and the grace which he gave to us who are united with the Messiah Yeshua. He did this before the beginning of time,*

2 Peter 1:10-11

*Therefore, brothers, try even harder to make your being called and chosen a certainty. For if you keep doing this, you will never stumble. Thus you will be generously supplied with everything you need to enter the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Deliverer, Yeshua the Messiah.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

John 6:44, 15:16

Romans 8:30

1 Corinthians 1:26-28

Ephesians 1:4-5, 11

2 Thessalonians 2:13

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

DB01 Remaining in the Same Condition and Identity as When First Called

GB04 Living Our Lives Worthy of Our Calling in the Lord

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Deuteronomy 7:6

*For you are a people set apart as holy for ADONAI your God. ADONAI your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his own unique treasure.*

Deuteronomy 14:2

*...because you are a people set apart as holy for ADONAI your God. ADONAI your God has chosen you to be his own unique treasure out of all the peoples on the face of the earth.*

Isaiah 41:4

*Whose work is this? Who has brought it about? He who called the generations from the beginning, "I, ADONAI, am the first; and I am the same with those who are last."*

Isaiah 41:8-9

*But you, Isra'el, my servant; Ya'akov, whom I have chosen, descendants of Avraham my friend, I have taken you from the ends of the earth, summoned you from its most distant parts and said to you, 'You are my servant'- I have chosen you, not rejected you.*

**Comment**

Being called and chosen are related but are not the same. Being called is being invited and being chosen is being selected. We read in Scripture that, throughout history, God chose various individuals to carry out his objectives. Some were chosen because they were godly and some because they were evil. Also, not all who were chosen were first called. Because of his evil nature, Judas Iscariot was chosen to be the betrayer of Yeshua; he was not called before he was chosen. Abraham, on the other hand, was first called and then chosen after being tested; we read in Hebrews 11:8:

*"By trusting, Avraham obeyed, after being called to go out to a place which God would give him as a possession; indeed, he went out without knowing where he was going."*

He was tested in other ways as well and was subsequently chosen to become the "father of many nations" (Genesis 17:3-8).

There are other examples in Scripture of persons called and chosen, but the one that is the subject of this *Mitzvah* #BA61 is mankind's call to receive Yeshua as Lord and thereby be chosen to have eternal life. Matthew 22:14 (NKJ) tells us: "*for many are called, but few are chosen.*" The call to receive Yeshua is to all of mankind, but Scripture both recognizes and prophesies that relatively few will heed the call, and therefore few will be chosen.

Note that 2 Peter 1:10-11 is an exhortation to: "*try even harder to make your being called and chosen a certainty.*" It is a warning to believers that if they are not proactive in maintaining their faith they can, over time, backslide in their holiness and their obedience to God.

**Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

H06 Appointing a Ruler Whom God Chooses