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STANZA 1: CALLING ON THE LORD

1 God,
1,2 God called,
1,2,3 God called all,
1,2,3,4 God called all into being.
1,2 He called light and land
3,4 and sky and sun.
1,2,3,4 He called us all into existence.

1 That was when we—
2 we called-into-being-like-all-of-creation creatures—
3 did what we were made to do,
4 did what we alone of all called-creation could do:
1,2,3,4 call on the name of the LORD. (Gen 4:26)

1 And so with David I will
1,2,3,4 call on the LORD,
1 *who is worthy to be praised.* (2 Sam 22:4)
2 With David I will cry,
Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
1,2,3,4 Call on His name;
2 *Make known His deeds among the peoples!* (1 Chron 16:8; Ps 105:1)
3 With Asaph I will plead,

Revive us, and we will
1,2,3,4 call on Your name. (Ps 80:18)
4 With the Psalmist *I will take up the cup of salvation,*
1,2,3,4 and call on the name of the LORD.
4 *I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,*
1,2,3,4 and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps 116:13,17)

1,2 With the prophet Isaiah we will say,
Give thanks to the LORD,
1,2,3,4 call upon His name;
1,2 *Declare His deeds among the peoples,*
Proclaim that His name is exalted.
Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things. (Isa 12:4,5)

3,4 With Isaiah we will say,
Seek the LORD while He may be found,

1,2,3,4 Call upon Him
3,4 *while He is near.* (Isa 55:6)

1 *For everyone who*
1,2,3,4 *calls on the name of the LORD*
 1 *will be saved.* (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Rom 10:1,2)

2 *And the God who called us into being*
 3 *will also call us back,*
 4 *all us created and called creatures,*
 2,3 *call us back so that they may all*
1,2,3,4 *call on the name of the LORD,*
 4 *to serve Him with one accord.* (Zeph 3:9)

STANZA 2: CALLED BY THE LORD, CALLED TO BE HIS PEOPLE

1 *The God who called*
 2 *still calls.*
 3 *Those who call on the Lord*
 4 *are called by the Lord.*
 1,2 *That is who we are,*
 3,4 *that is who we must be ... those*
1,2,3,4 *called by the Lord*
 1 *called to be ...*
1,2,3,4 *called to be his people.*

1 *Joel said it first:*
 2 *Everyone who*
1,2,3,4 *calls on the name of the Lord*
 2 *will be saved,*
 3 *and among the saved are those*
1,2,3,4 *whom the Lord calls.* (Joel 2:32)
 1 *Called by God,*
1,2,3,4 *Called to be his people.*

1 *Isaiah echoed:*
1,2,3,4 *I have called you by name;*
 2 *You are Mine, says the Lord* (Isa 43:1,7)
1,2,3,4 *You shall be called,*
 3 *The Holy People,*
 4 *The Redeemed of the LORD;*
1,2,3,4 *you shall be called*

1,2 *sought out,*
 3,4 *a city not forsaken. (Isa 62:1,2)*
 2 *called by God,*
 1,2,3,4 **Called to be his people.**

1 Paul saw:
 2 *"And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them,*
 3 *'You are not My people,'*
 1,2,3,4 ***There they shall be called***
 4 *children of the living God." (Rom 9:26)*
 3 *Called by God,*
 1,2,3,4 **Called to be his people.**

1 And so the apostle Peter:
 2 *But you are a chosen generation,*
 3 *a royal priesthood,*
 4 *a holy nation,*
 1,2 *His own special people,*
 3,4 *that you may proclaim the praises of Him who*
 1,2,3,4 ***called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Pet 2:9)***
 4 *Called by God,*
 1,2,3,4 **Called to be his people.**

1 *Called of Jesus Christ, (Rom 1:6)*
 2 *called to be saints, (Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:2)*
 3 *called into the fellowship of His Son, (1 Cor 1:9)*
 4 *called according to His purpose, (Rom 8:28)*
 1,2,3,4 ***called through the grace of Christ. (Gal 1:6, 15)***

1,2 *But as He who called you is holy,*
 3,4 *you also be holy in all your conduct. (1 Pet 1:15)*

1 *So praise be to God,*
 1,2,3,4 ***who called us with a holy calling,***
 2 *not according to our works,*
 3 *but according to his own purpose and grace,*
 4 *which he gave us in Christ before the world began. (2 Tim 1:9)*

1,2 *Called by God,*
 3,4 *Called to be his people--*
 1,2,3,4 **We are the called!**

STANZA 3: CALLED BY THE LORD, CALLED TO SERVE HIS PEOPLE

1 The God who called
 2 still calls.
 3 Those who call on the Lord
 4 are called by the Lord,

1,2,3,4 called to be his people.

1,2 And those who call on the Lord.

3,4 are called by the Lord,

1,2,3,4 called to serve his people

1,2 That is who we are,

3,4 that is who we must be ... those

1,2,3,4 called by the Lord—

1 called to serve

1,2,3,4 called to serve his people.

1 Abraham was called,

1,2,3,4 called by God:

1 called to follow God to a new land

2,3,4 (an unknown land),

2 called to father a family

1,3,4 (a son and a nation),

3 called to be blessed,

4 called to be a blessing.

1,2,3,4 *In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.* (Gen 12:3)

1,2 Called to bless,

1,2,3,4 called to serve.

1 Moses was called,

1,2,3,4 called by God:

1 called to follow God back to an old land

2,3,4 (Egypt-land),

2 called to face Pharaoh,

3 called to face up to who he was,

4 who God was,

1,2 called to confront his helplessness,

3,4 called to count on his helpers.

1,2,3,4 *I will send you to bring my people out of Egypt.* (Exod 3:10-11)

1,2 Called to deliver,

3,4 called to serve.

1 Joshua was called,

1,2,3,4 called by God:

1 called to follow God into a new land

2,3,4 (a promised land),

2 called to be strong, called to be courageous,

3 called to face fearsome foes,

4 called to follow, called to lead.

1,2,3,4 *The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* (Josh 1:9)

1,2 Called to lead,

3,4 called to serve.

- 1 Deborah was called:
 2 called to prophesy,
 3 called to render judgment,
 4 called to lead into battle.
- 2 Samuel was called:
 3 called as priest,
 4 and prophet, and judge,
 1 called to call kings.
- 3 David was called:
 1,2 called to reign,
 3,4 called to repent.
- 1 Andrew was called,
 1,2 called by Jesus,
1,2,3,4 Come and see:
 2 called to his house,
 3 called to his heart,
 4 called to learn, called to teach.
 1,2 Called to see,
 3,4 called to serve.
- 1 James and John were called,
 1,2 called by Jesus,
1,2,3,4 Follow me:
 2 called to leave their old livelihood,
 3 called to live a new life,
 4 called to be disciples, called to disciple.
 1,2 Called to go,
 3,4 called to serve.
- 1 Others were called,
 1,2 called by Jesus,
1,2,3,4 Come unto me:
 2 called to ready themselves through rest,
 3 called to shoulder a yoke,
 4 called to live, called to labor.
 1,2 Called to come,
 3,4 called to serve.

- 1 Paul was called:
2,3,4 called to evangelize.
- 2 Barnabas was called:
1,3,4 called to encourage.
- 3 Tabitha was called:
1,2,4 called to clothe.
- 1 God called his people
2,3,4 and God still does.
1 God called his people to serve
2,3,4 and God still does.
- 1,2 *You shall be called the priests of the LORD, They shall call you the
servants of our God. (Isa 61:6)*
- 3,4 *"I have called You in righteousness, as a light to the Gentiles,
to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison. (Isa 42:6,7)*
- 1,2,3,4 ***The Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. (Acts 16:10)***
- 1 *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,*
1,2 *beseech you to walk worthy of the calling*
1,2,3 *with which you were called. (Eph 4:1)*
- 4 *So we pray always for you,*
that our God would count you
1,2 *worthy of his calling,*
3,4 *worthy of his calling,*
1,2,3,4 ***worthy of his calling,***
1 *that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you,*
2,3,4 *and you in him,*
1 *according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
(1 Thess 1:11)
- 1 Called by God,
1,2 Called to be,
1,2,3 Called to serve,
1,2,3,4 **We are the called!**

