

When Your Mess Becomes A Message



⁴Then the Word of the Lord Came to
Me, Saying:

5“Before I Formed You in the Womb I
Knew You;

Before You Were Born I Sanctified You;
I Ordained You a Prophet to the
Nations.”

⁶Then Said I:
“Ah, Lord God!
Behold, I Cannot Speak, for I Am a
Youth.”

⁷But the Lord Said to Me:
“Do Not Say, ‘I Am a Youth,’
for You Shall Go to All to Whom I Send
You,
and Whatever I Command You, You
Shall Speak.

⁸Do Not Be Afraid of Their Faces,
for I Am With You to Deliver You,” Says
the Lord.

⁹Then the Lord Put Forth His Hand and
Touched My Mouth, and the Lord Said
to Me:

“Behold, I Have Put My Words in Your
Mouth.

¹⁰See, I Have This Day Set You Over the Nations and Over the Kingdoms, to Root Out and to Pull Down, to Destroy and to Throw Down, to Build and to Plant.”

¹¹And Do This, Knowing the Time, That
Now It Is High Time to Awake Out of
Sleep; for Now Our Salvation Is Nearer
Than When We First Believed.

¹²The Night Is Far Spent, the Day Is at Hand. Therefore Let Us Cast Off the Works of Darkness, and Let Us Put on the Armor of Light.

¹³Let Us Walk Properly, as in the Day,
Not in Revelry and Drunkenness, Not in
Lewdness and Lust, Not in Strife and
Envy.

¹⁴But Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and
Make No Provision for the Flesh, to
Fulfill Its Lusts.

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²⁷But God Has Chosen the Foolish Things of the World to Put to Shame the Wise, and God Has Chosen the Weak Things of the World to Put to Shame the Things Which Are Mighty;

²⁸And the Base Things of the World and
the Things Which Are Despised God
Has Chosen, and the Things Which Are
Not, to Bring to Nothing the Things That
Are,

²⁹That No Flesh Should Glory in His
Presence.

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¹²“Most Assuredly, I Say to You, He Who Believes in Me, the Works That I Do He Will Do Also; and Greater Works Than These He Will Do, Because I Go to My Father.

¹³And Whatever You Ask in My Name,
That I Will Do, That the Father May Be
Glorified in the Son.

¹⁴If You Ask Anything in My Name, I Will
Do It.

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¹⁹“God Is Not a Man, That He Should

Lie,

nor a Son of Man, That He Should

Repent.

Has He Said, and Will He Not Do?

or Has He Spoken, and Will He Not

Make It Good?

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