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Special Agents

Unless we know why we are called out to be a special people, then the gospel seems totally unreasonable. We need to obey the gospel — everything it says, including the "hard sayings" — because we are called to be a special people. We're not *pedestrian*, 1 but we're *peculiar* — we are special agents. We have been called to fulfill something that old Israel didn't fulfill. We were put here, in this special time, to fulfill Abraham's covenant in Gen 18:19, the restoration of all things — it wasn't fulfilled in the first century. *Peculiar* seems like a bad word now, but it means a distinguished people.

Jn 17:19 — He sanctified Himself so that we would be sanctified. He set Himself apart so that we would be set apart, in order to fulfill the special purpose that His *special agents* must accomplish in order to bring about what our Father promised Abraham. We are to do it *for them*. Acts 26:7 — Paul, by the Holy Spirit, said it right, but they don't translate it right. It should say, "... hope to attain *for them*." His set-apart people, His special agents, are being formed into a twelve-tribed nation that will worship and serve night and day. It is a waste of time to be discouraged.

We are serving night and day in order to attain to what our Father told Abraham. He wanted a people that would command their households and their children after them to do righteousness and justice in order that He could bring about what He promised Abraham. Our Father made a self-cursing oath, and He would have to self-destruct if He didn't fulfill His part of the covenant (Jer 34:18). If it is not with Israel, then it has to be with a people that are specially set apart to obey the gospel in order to bring about what He promised. Israel didn't fulfill their part; the whole Old Testament is about how unfaithful they were. When our Master Yahshua came, He said He was taking the Kingdom away from them and giving it to a special people, a set-apart people who will bring forth the fruit of it.

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¹ pedestrian, *adj.*, ordinary, unimaginative, or uninspired.

Special means set apart, distinguished, held in high regard by some, but hated by others. It is just according to who the people are and what kind of spirit they have. Our Master was crucified because of envy, but on the Day of Pentecost, three thousand repented. They took the curse off of their own heads and off of their children's heads. They became the first church, which was all made up of Jews.

We are a peculiar people with an unusual quality. We have the Holy Spirit, which no one else has. Divinity has come and made a home in us, so we are definitely going to be distinguished and special. We are going to be like no other people on the face of the earth if we are living by the Spirit.

Jn 17:19 — We have special protection. Our Master said that He was going to sanctify Himself so that we could be sanctified. He is going to protect us; all He needs is our prayers. He is not going to protect anyone who is not praying, because he doesn't belong to Him, but He is going to protect those who pray. "Father, deliver me, deliver us from the evil one, protect us this day from accidents." We love our brothers, and we pray for them.

Israel didn't produce the fruit of the Kingdom, so we have been called as special agents to fulfill what they didn't. The Kingdom can't come unless there is a people who are doing what Abraham's offspring were supposed to do. We are called to counteract their failure. Our twelve tribes must attain it for them (Acts 26:7).

Mal 4:6 — He might just have to destroy the whole universe unless there is a people who will turn their hearts toward their children. Nothing will work unless the fathers' hearts are turned towards their children, so that their children's hearts can be turned towards them. It won't work any other way. If the children's hearts aren't turned to their parents, then we are living in vain, and He is going to have to come and strike the earth with a curse.

Mt 21:43 — It is a foretaste of the Kingdom to have a people living where Satan is not able to divide them. They live in unity, and they love one another – that is the fruit

that our Father desires for us to produce. The only way we can do it is to pray. Our Father's name was blasphemed by people who claimed to be the people of God. Our Master knew that, and He told us to pray that our Father's name would be hallowed rather than blasphemed. Our Master wants us to pray that our Father's name would be hallowed, and that His kingdom would come, and His will would be done on earth, and that we would be delivered from the evil one.

Why should anyone be delivered who is not praying? He is not accomplishing anything anyway. We have to desire His name to be hallowed. We have to know who we are before we can do that. We are the special agents, and it has been given to us to pray. It was a direct command from our Master. His apostles passed it on to the churches. We must pray to counteract their failure, their evil. We have to make amends, counterbalance, bear the fruit that they didn't produce. He will give the Kingdom to a people who are together. Paul said that our twelve tribes who serve night and day hope to attain to the very promise that our Father promised to Abraham and the patriarchs.

It is a compensation for failure in one field, and it is a counterbalance by the achievement in another. We are going to do what Israel didn't do in order to get the enemy-free land. We are going to do it for them.

Mt 19:28 — The apostles are going to sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel in the next age. It is going to come about; they are going to get an enemy-free land. There is a restoration of all things in the last century in order to bring it about. That is who you are. You have to come to the understanding of who you are. We can say who we are, but we don't even realize who we are sometimes.

Recompense is to give something by compensation; a service rendered for damage incurred. It is a return for something our brothers of old failed to attain to as Abraham's seed. Gal 3:29 — Those who belong to Messiah will recompense the failure of Abraham's natural seed to give to the twelve-tribed nation the promised enemy-free land (Mt 19:28).

1 Pet 2:8-9 — Verse 8 says, "they stumble," and then verse 9 says, "but you are..."
They stumble, but you are... They stumble over Yahshua, but you are a royal priesthood, a people belonging to our Father, a special people. They stumbled, but we have to make up for their stumbling. Are we Jew haters? Of course not! We are giving our life for them, so that 2,000 years later they can look upon Him whom they pierced (Zec 12:10; 13:8). They are going to look upon Him whom they pierced, and they are going to mourn for Him as for an only child. They will repent, and they will be refined. The two thirds will be cut off in the very end of days, and one third will be left. And that one third is going to reconstitute the twelve tribes of Israel in the Promised Land, enemy-free, and the twelve apostles will rule on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

So they failed, and now we recompense their failure; we make up for it. Since they did not pay the cost of obedience and stumbled, now we, His special agents, must provide the cost. They didn't provide the cost, so we have to provide the cost. The cost is our life; the cost is everything. We don't have time to be discouraged. We have Yahshua, our Advocate, and He can provide us with joy to drive out our discouragement. Or we can just keep on being discouraged day after day if we are not praying. You are not being heard if you are not confessing your sins. Your sins are piling up as high as heaven, and someone has to go and rescue you from death.

Redemption is good, very good. And then as soon as He is through with the work of redemption, including His mediatorial work, before the Eighth Day begins, there will be a great abdication. He will give back the authority that was given to Him in Mt 28:18, and the Son will be completely subject to the Father. Then our Father will be all in all — He will be in all of us, and we will rule the universe. He, the Father, will rule through His Son and His many brothers — or actually His wife, since we are together in that sense. He is the head, and we are the wife throughout all of eternity, and the Father is all in all. He has all authority and exudes it through His sons. When we go to a planet, they won't know the difference between us and our Master. They will just think, "God is here."

ha-êmeq — There is a direct relationship: If a man can't rule over his children, he can't rule in the house of God, he can't rule in the edah, and he can't rule in the universe. His purpose has been thwarted. It is all over. That is why the curse comes first in the simplest area, right there in the family, which is the litmus test. If a man can't turn his heart to his son, he is never going to figure out anything else. That is why He called Abraham, isn't it?

Our Father is trying to gain rulers again, and a ruler will win his son. It's not that there won't be some rebellious individuals that run off. But although we may try to dress it in some other colors and cover it up, this is really the litmus test. I could wish it weren't because of all of our experiences, but it is.

"Eye has not seen, hear has not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for those who love Him, but it is revealed to us by the Spirit." So I'll say this, since it says, "The children of your servants will continue." We are the servants, and we are going to have children throughout eternity. We will be duplicated. As many cells as I have in my body, I am going to be duplicated. I am going to be duplicated billions of times, and then each one of those billion is going to be duplicated billions of times, etc., because the universe has no end. And it has trillions of galaxies, and the nations are going to populate, have babies, and they are going to expand throughout all of eternity. We are going to colonize with them, swarm to the next planet. And then when that galaxy fills up, we will go to the next galaxy. And we will keep on doing it forever and ever. It never ends. Understand? This is what we can't understand, but we have to understand it.

Our Father has called us to rule. Rev 22:5 says that we will rule and reign forever and ever. In all galaxies, all dominions will obey *who*? Us, in whom God dwells. That is what Dan 7:27 says in the right version (RSV, NRS, ESV, NJB). If we know who we are, we are not going to get threatened by anybody. We know we have the truth. Whoever is of the truth hears His voice.

Man is His highest thought. He has never thought of any greater thing than a man. Somehow we are going to be duplicated. I don't know exactly how He will do it. It

won't be natural birth like the nations; they will still be having babies normally. But we will have a Husband, and it says that we will be His wife (Rev 21:9), and husbands and wives propagate offspring. Eye has not seen, ear has not heard... but that is who we are. He wants to rule forever and ever through us (Rev 22:5). That is why He saved us, to be a peculiar people.

Peculiar means special, marvelous, excellent. His saints on the earth are majestic, excellent, noble. We don't have time to think about the world, and the things of the world. We have a Savior, our Advocate; He can cut that out of us, all the things that want to destroy us and lead us astray.

There is no way possible that we little few people who have been special agents in this age can rule in the Eighth Day. People can't see a spirit. They can't see God, because He is a spirit. No one has ever seen God. So He has got to have a way to keep up with the propagation, the exponential increase of the nations with an exponential increase of rulers. There will be no end to the increase of His government. That means there will be a continual increase in the Eighth Day. It is talking about in the Eighth Day. That is the eternal day, when there is no end to the increase of His ruling agents. So He has chosen us to be next to Him, just a little bit below Him (Ps 8:5).

So you can't have one worthless thought about yourself. You don't have time to have any worthless thoughts about yourself. It is a waste of time to be discouraged. Thinking about yourself and being discouraged are a waste of time.

Creation is longing for the sons of God to be revealed. And when that time comes, everything will be qualitatively changed. No planet will ever wear out; no person will ever wear out. We will be eternal; everything will be eternal. It is ridiculous to think that a person who will never die will be on a planet that *will* die. That is why everything has to be changed, as it says in Rev 21:1 — qualitatively changed.

Abraham had no descendants, and our Father said, "Look at the stars," meaning *trillions*, not just a few little stars — trillions of galaxies. Do you think you can count the

sands of the seashore? Do you know how many grains of sand are on all the beaches all over the world? Well, that is why we have to be duplicated. We are not going to save that many people before our Master comes back, so there has to be something else that happens in order for there to be a continual increase, like the sands of the seashore.

Do you know how long eternity is? Suppose a bird comes and gets one grain of sand, and flies to the farthest galaxy in the universe, and then flies back after a trillion years. Then it takes another grain of sand and goes back to the same galaxy, the farthest one, and then flies back and gets another grain of sand... That is how long eternity is going to be. And that is how long the filthy and the unjust will be in the lake of fire, just to be blunt, like our Master is. It never ends.

You were saved, so you'd better be glad. Eternity is a long time. Can you imagine? I don't know whether you can count the stars. Do you think you could? How many billion years would it take to count the stars in the Milky Way? On a clear night, you can see a cloud up there. And there are billions more galaxies more vast than the Milky Way. That is the vastness of our Father and His creation.

1 Cor 2:9 — "Eye has not seen, ear has never heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man what the Creator has prepared for those who love Him." Do you love Him? Do you love Him? If you love someone, you act like it, right? "If you love Me, you will obey Me," our Master said.