\*GOD'S CHOSEN FOR A NEW GENERATION\*

 \*"Paul a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God".\*

Romans 1:1.

There is nothing in life that has a beginning that does not have an end to it.

In every sphere of life there is always a transition period in which a generation of people will leave the scene for a new generation to rule.

No king can rule in perpetuity; except God the Almighty, the \*King\* of Kings.

 \*"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you; from your fellow Isrealites. You must listen to him"\*

Deu 18:15.

Whenever there is need to undertake a new task, God has a way of setting apart His chosen vessel to perform it.

 \*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying; whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said: here am I send me!"\*

Isaiah 6:8.

Every earthly king will at some point dies and another king will be enthroned in order to forestall anachy and disorderliness.

It is where someone's era ended that another person begins his own.

In all cases, the leadership or head of every institution is always subject to change: whether by reason of end of tenure,death and also removal by higher authority.

In the secular world, political, religious and other entities of life, there is always a time for a new era or dispensation in which the usual known leader will leave the scene for another person to take over.

God chooses leaders and kings:

 \*"The powers that be are ordained by God".\*

Roman 13:1.

The message of today focuses on the choices God makes in choosing a king or leader.

History has made us to know that when a new leader is about to be chosen or appointed; a lot of things goes on behind the scene.

There will be a lot of scheming and competition among the perceived candidates or seemingly qualified people for the position.

Sometimes, it could be very bloody with all sort of spiritual attack and physical battles being perpetrated by some desperate candidates.

There will also be a lot of lobbying and strategic positioning by people.

God-fatherism, especially in the political sphere is always a big factor during the time of a new era.

All of these; in the name of title and position.

 \*"Promotion does not come from east.. God is the judge; He brings down one and exalt another".\*

Psalm 75:6&7.

The Church of God is not left out of unhealthy scheming and attacks that characterize the dawn of a new era.

A true believer will rely totally on God.

\*Psalm 121\*

Some great men of God have gone to be with the Lord. Some of them died perhaps untimely; hence there was no successor prepared and that led to in- fighting among the elders.

While, some have already sought the face of God for who the successor will be and that translated to relatively easy transition.

The good news about being God's chosen is that irrespective of the powers and forces fighting the one God has set apart; because God is involved, He will be victorious at last.

David was continually attacked by King Saul; but God ensured he became King eventually; defying all odds.

 \*1 Sam 16-2 Sam 10.\*

It became quite apparent Samuel was to take over from Eli as the leader of Isreal:

 \*"And all Isreal from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the South knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the Lord".\*

1 Sam 3:20.

God had earlier confirmed the end of Eli's reign and punishment in \*1 Sam 3:14\*

God loves orderliness; he usually prepares a successor ready before he removes a king or leader.

God announced \*Joshua\* to take over from Moses well before the death of Moses:

 \*"And the Lord said to Moses, take Joshua the Son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit and lay your hand upon him".\*

Num 27:18

Some years back I came accross a quote: " \*God does not call the equipped; He equips those that He called"\*

The characters and pedigree of most people God used at some point ,as recorded in the bible attest to the above quote.

God indeed set apart Apostle Paul and equipped him for His work.

\*Acts 9:15&16\*

The bible in the book of Judges 11, presented a story of Jephthah: a rejected man born out of wedlock by an harlot. He later became a king.

 \*"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone".\*

Psalm 118:22.

Without doubt, God calls the most unlikely people.

When Jesus Christ came to the earth, it was a totally new era.

God used a new generation; without any \*prior experience\*, in John the Baptist to prepare the ground.

Jesus snubbed the Scribes and the Pharisees who were vastly knowledgeable in the Law of Moses; rather He settled for the relatively \*unqualified;\* inexperienced business men, Fisher men and tax collectors; when choosing His disciples.

Matthew4:18-22

When it was getting close to the time Elijah was to be taken; God told Elijah to anoint Elisha, to take over from where Elijah finished.

 \*"You are to anoint Elisha the Son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah as prophet in your place"\*

1 Kings 19:16.

New era opens up new & fresh opportunities to unveil new people to the scene.

A new era comes with new responsibilities for the chosen.

In contrast, it closes or put an end to the reign of another person.

God has a way of equipping the chosen fellow with what it takes to be able to cope with the challenges of the position.

 \*"Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert".\*

Isaiah 43:19.

 \*Prayer\*: Father please let me be worthy of your use for a new assignment in your kingdom here on earth in the name of Jesus.🙏🏼

Without doubt a new era is imminent in all areas of humanity.

The question is: will God consider you and I for that new task?

Interestingly, God does not just choose anybody, He searches the heart of men to see who pants after Him.

\*Jer 17:10\*

The bible recorded about David's love for God:

" \*But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart".\*

1 Sam 13:14.

Are you a Soul winner? If not; you are missing out !

Soul winning is the "heart" of the work of God.

God loves soul winners. He does not take their matters lightly.

Be an incurable soul winner, then leave everything in God's hands.

\*JESUS\* Reigns.

Signed, Bro Cole