



The Great Overture: Gathered to Grow

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Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you *waver between two opinions*? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing.

1 Kings 18:21

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

Matthew 6:24

And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, *and let dry ground appear*.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:9-10

THEN God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various

kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

Genesis 1:11-13

He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. But *at your rebuke* the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight; they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place *you assigned for them*. You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth.

Psalm 104:5-9

Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and *take up his cross* and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me *will find it*.”

Matthew 16:23-25

The land produced... Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind *and turned it into dry land*. *The waters were divided*, and the Israelites *went through* the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Exodus 14:21-22

“And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians *will know that I am the Lord.*” So the Israelites did this.

Exodus 14:4

Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet *as soon as* the priests who carried the ark *reached the Jordan* and their *feet touched the water’s edge*, the water from upstream *stopped flowing*. It piled up in a heap a great distance away ...

Joshua 3:15-16

... the *worries of this life* and the *deceitfulness of wealth choke the word*, making it *unfruitful*.

Matthew 13:22

But *at your rebuke* the waters fled ... to the place *you assigned for them*. *You set a boundary they cannot cross.*

Psalms 104:7,9