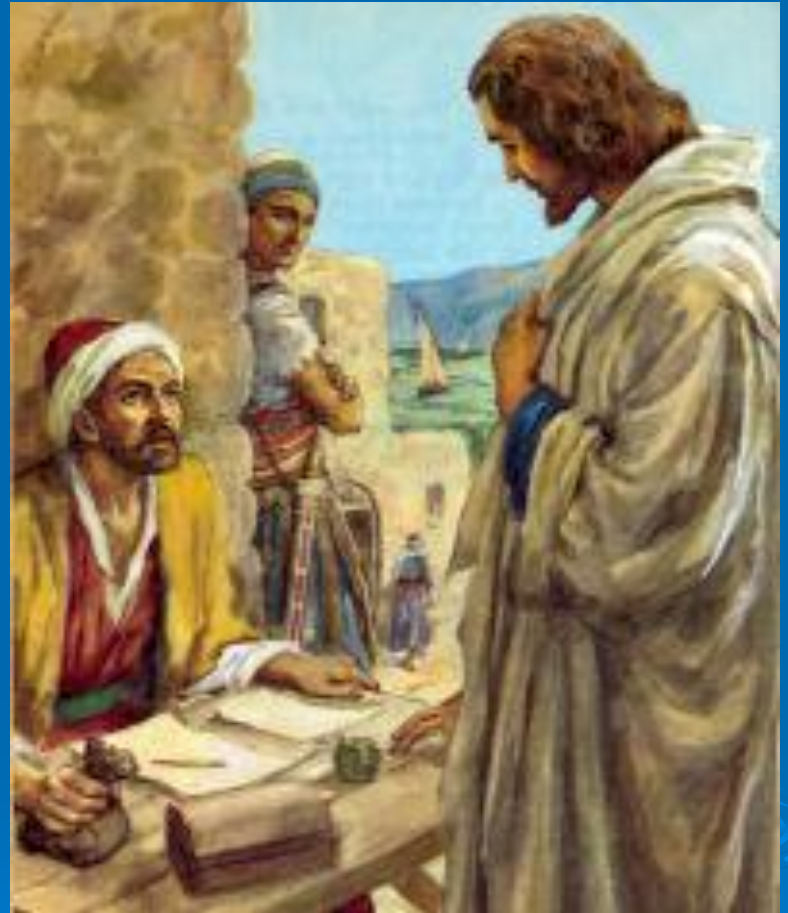
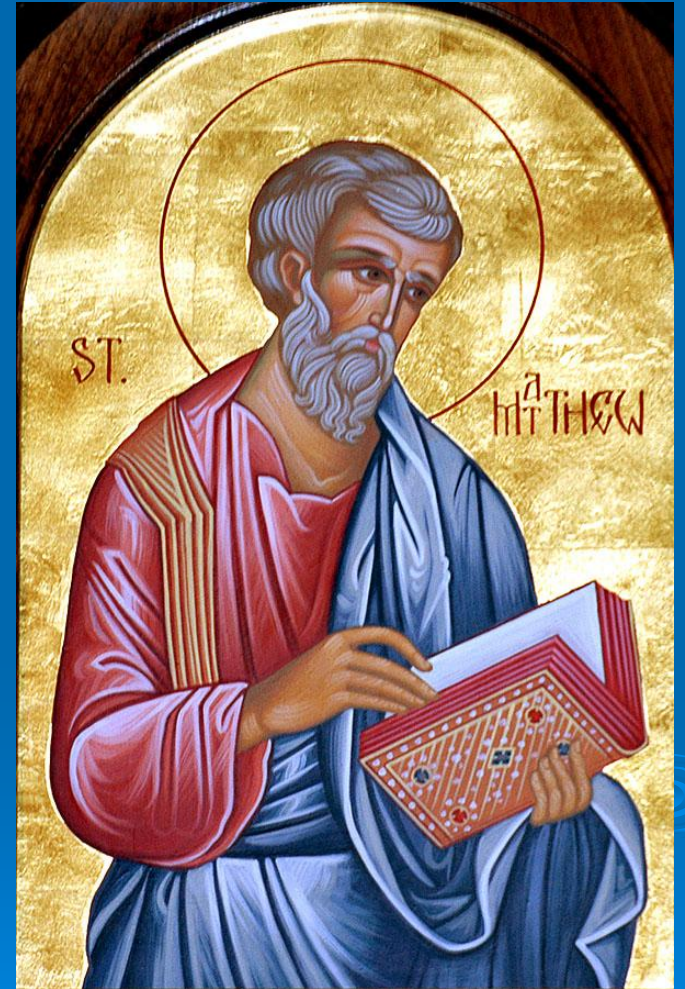


**And He said
to him,
“Follow Me.”
So he left all,
rose up, and
followed Him**



Luke 5:27-28

Lessons from a former “Tax Collector”!



1. In the way we ought to respond to God's call

- He only heard one word, once!
“Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts” *Hebrews 3:15*
- His response was instant not hindered by the uncertainty set before him
- His faithfulness to this call unto the end of his life



2. In the hope he had in the One who called him

- Certainly he was not qualified, yet he trusted the One who called.
“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. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the LORD” *Jeremiah 1:7-8*



3. In forsaking the old ways

- “No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old” *Luke 5:36*



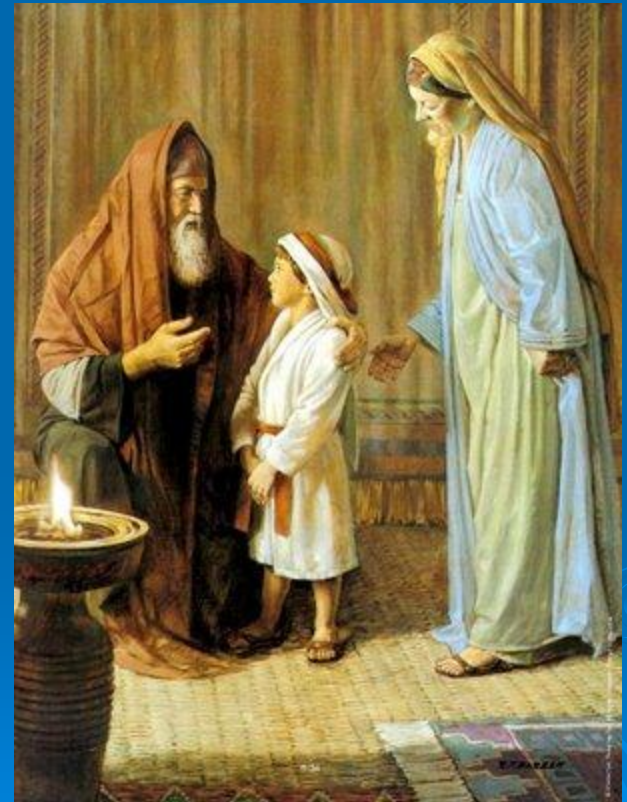
4. In the joy he expressed due to this call

- “Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house”

Luke 5:29

- In the same way Hannah gave her son to the service of the Lord: “Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh”

1 Samuel 1:24



5. In the love he showed towards his friends

- “Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them” *Luke 5:29*
- This was similar to what the Samaritan woman did “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him” *John 4:29-30*



6. In his humility and lowliness of heart

- Firstly shown in his obedience
- In his silence: only mentions himself twice in his own gospel
- In not objecting to what the scribes and the Pharisees were saying

