

And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by their names: And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and They Declared Their Pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls. *Numbers 1:17-18 KJV*



A pedigree is the recorded purity of breed. It is the verification of identity. What is the Pedigree of a believer? "My Sheep hear My Voice, and I Know them, and they follow Me: By this shall all men know that ye Are My Disciples, if ye have love one to another and are ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh. To him that overcometh Will I Give to eat of the Hidden Manna, and Will Give him A White Stone, and in The Stone A New Name Written, Which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." They are "stedfast in the Faith [and] obey the Truth Through The Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, always abounding in the Work of the Lord." In their hearts, unbelievers hate true believers. Jesus said, "Because ye are not of the world, but I Have Chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." If you were on trial for being a believer, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Our mouths proclaim far more than our lives would own up to. Is your "Pedigree" evident? Does everyone that knows you, know you are a faithful believer by your words and deeds? How does this verse apply to your faith? "Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." - 2 Timothy 3:12 Persecution may be as simple as avoidance and as severe as death. You can quickly tell if a person is an unbeliever if they are not part of a Christ-centered Assembly and will reject your invitation to know Christ. Are you able to hang out with and be accepted as "one of the gang" with unbelievers? Then you have no "Pedigree" of faithfulness. God may "deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the Day of the Lord Jesus." Beware the flatterers of Vanity Fair! Their dainties will keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you want to pay!

Those known by God are known to all,
And Satan often tempts their fall,
With dainty meats and praise of men,
He oft will lure them into sin. -CGP

I will close with God's exhortation through the pen of the Apostle Peter:

"Whereby Are Given unto us Exceeding Great And Precious Promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your Faith Virtue; and to Virtue Knowledge; and to Knowledge Temperance; and to Temperance Patience; and to Patience Godliness; And to Godliness Brotherly Kindness; and to Brotherly Kindness Charity. For if These Things Be In you, and abound, They Make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your Calling and Election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so An Entrance Shall Be Ministered unto you abundantly into The Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:4-11 KJV