

"You are seeking me but not seeking me in the right way. I am sought of those that didn't ask for me. I am found of those that didn't seek me. I say, 'Behold me, behold me,' to a nation that was not called by my name. You think you are God's and you are claiming blessings on behalf of your ancestry; in behalf of all this name and position and all that." He says, "That is not enough." He says,

"I've had too much of this sort of thing. I'm turning to those who have not sought me and by my sovereign grace I am drawing a people out from them in order to reveal to the world that it is not enough to have a particular descent or a particular background." That is the way Paul interprets Verses 1 and 2, and it seems to me that it is a reasonable way, I think the most reasonable way to interpret Verses 1-15, and then when you come to the end of 15, you come to 16, which I do not think fits with 15, and I think it is wrong to translate " " as if an introduction to it were a purpose clause. I think a relative clause may express purpose, certainly, but if it does it is at least somewhat . If you said "That one who blesseth himself in the earth," that would be a more accurate translation than "that he who blesseth himself," unless you take the "he" as a noun, standing for "that man", "that he". "That he" who blesseth himself in the earth will bless himself in the God of truth" but that is certainly not what the translators meant, but as you take it in our ordinary English, "this he" who blesseth himself, you expect an " ", "in order that" but the Hebrew word is " ", that. " ", the one that did this. "That one". "That one" who blesses himself. "Whoever" blesseth himself in the earth will bless himself in the God of truth, and whoever swears in the earth will swear to the God of truth because the former troubles are forgotten and because they are hidden from mine eyes. For, behold I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." Verse 17 fits in right exactly with what immediately precedes. The former troubles are forgotten; they are hid from mine eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth.