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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT . . . YOU!

In the mid-1950s, British journalist, William Norman Ewer, was contemplating just why Israel was selected to be the divine representative nation on earth in the Old Testament. He thus came up with what has become a famous couplet—**How Odd of God to Choose the Jews.**

This raises the question: Why **does** God use human beings in the first place? Why not angels? These celestial beings are sinless, tireless, and absolutely loyal to their Creator. Let me suggest both a scriptural and perhaps a less spiritual reason.

- **The Scriptural Reason:** *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us* (2 Cor. 4:7, KJV). Here Paul likens the believer to an earthen vessel and the treasure to Jesus Christ. In other words, the plainer the container, the more dazzling the diamond!
- **The Less Spiritual Reason:** Now back to the couplet. I have taken it and added the following lines:

HOW ODD OF GOD TO CHOOSE THE JEWS

How odd of God to choose the Jews
And use that race to show His grace.

But odder still His plan to see
To use the likes of you and me.

For many years I've sought this out,
He had His reasons; there is no doubt.

But why, oh why, He chose this plan,
Bypassing angels, selecting man?

And then one day I saw the light,
The fog had lifted, no more night.

The answer came from mirror bright,
I saw myself, a pitiful sight.

So here's the truth, it is no rumor
Our God does have a sense of humor!

No, I don't intend to quit my day job but let's face it—this may well be one of the key reasons for the Creator using the creatures. Have a great fall semester.

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