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(The following is by Spurgeon)

"All that the Father gives me shall come to me."
- John 6:37

This declaration involves the doctrine of election--
there are some whom the Father gave to Christ.

It involves the doctrine of effectual calling--
these who are given must and shall come; however
stoutly they may set themselves against it, yet they
shall be brought out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

It teaches us the indispensable necessity of faith--
for even those who are given to Christ are not saved
except they come to Jesus.

Even they must come, for there is no other way to heaven
but by the door, Christ Jesus. All that the Father gives to
our Redeemer must come to him, therefore none can come
to heaven except they come to Christ.

Oh! the power and majesty which rest in the words
"shall come." He does not say they have power to come,
nor they may come if they will, but they "shall come."

The Lord Jesus does by his messengers, his word, and
his Spirit, sweetly and graciously compel men to come
in that they may eat of his marriage supper. And this he
does, not by any violation of the free agency of man,
but by the power of his grace.

Jehovah Jesus knows how, by irresistible arguments
addressed to the understanding, by mighty reasons
appealing to the affections, and by the mysterious
influence of his Holy Spirit operating upon all the
powers and passions of the soul, so to subdue the
whole man, that whereas he was once rebellious,
he yields cheerfully to his government, subdued
by sovereign love!

But how shall those be known whom God has chosen?
By this result-- that they do willingly and joyfully accept
Christ, and come to him with simple and sincere faith,
resting upon him as all their salvation and all their desire.

Reader, have you thus come to Jesus?