

Who Is He by Mother Stella Matthews Pete

To the Beloved Shepherd and First Lady of Words of Restoration International Ministries:

This 306th day of 2020, we greet you in the Name of the Lord. Romans 10:15 says, “And how shall they preach, except they be sent?”

Who is he? A man named **Oscar Benton, Jr.**, on his Abraham Mission to Albany, Georgia. The call means that God has designated him for a special purpose, empowered him for a timely ministry.

God does not call all of His servants in the same manner. He may call through life changing events. For Oscar Benton’s call to Albany, the life changing event was the Flood of 1994. The call to Albany was distinct. Nobody can deny it. The call of God affects the way a pastor may live, and everything a pastor may become. The call sets the pastor apart from others.

When you, Oscar, knew that God had called you to Monroe Street Church of God in Christ, you got involved in sacrificing time and money, long nights of pleading prayer. You knew that He Who called you to Monroe Street Church, would also keep you.

(Musical interlude: **The Question Is** by **The Winans** [2 minutes, 24 seconds])

The question is: Can you hold on in difficult times, believing God for the unbelievable? The answer is: Yes! Yes, yes, yes.

Who is he? He is one who reveals **courage** (*he will not run*), **faith** (*he will not doubt*), **love** (*essential to win the lost*), **stability** (*he will not flinch, he will stick it out*), **assurance** (*he will not question*), **confidence** (*he will not betray*), **prayer** (*to change the unchangeable*), **responsibility** (*he will not shrink*), **integrity** (*he will not forsake*), **determination** (*he will not quit*), **honor** (*he will not retreat or turn back*), **obedience** (*he will not tarry*), **patience** (*he will not give up*), **character** (*he will not give in*), **perseverance** (*he will not give out*), **nerve** (*he will not faint*), **commitment** (*he will not change*), **vision** (*he will not delay*).

The question is: Who is this man? The Silver Shepherd.

S – Shepherd, **I**-Inspired, **L**-Loyal and Loving, **V**-Vision Minded, **E**-Evangelist, **R**-Refined and Redeemed

“Oscar, Oscar Benton, Silver Shepherd of Monroe Street!”