

But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

— Luke 12:7 —

Chosen People

Faith from God

I have always said that faith is most like intuition or instinct. And faith is the gift of God. It is a knowing that is given to us by God, a knowing that we cannot otherwise explain. We just know because God caused us to know. When people do not come to God, I understand it is because God is not calling them.

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

It really is **all about God!**

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it* is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Predestination

Have you ever experienced Deja vu? I have experienced it many times in my life since I was a boy and still do at age 65. It always happens when I go to a place I have never been before. I concluded a long time ago that God is showing me glimpses of my future life long before it happens. Now I do not make anything of it except that God knows the future before it happens.

Predestination has to be true, otherwise, God is not omniscient. The thing about predestination is that God is the only one who knows how it turns out. We are not privy to it. Therefore, we have to live our lives one moment at a time constantly making choices that we have no idea we will be faced with, until we are faced with them. We also have no idea what choices we will make, until we make them. However, God already knows.

God knew exactly what would happen in the garden of Eden. That is why He put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil there. He did not have to let the serpent in Eden. It was in the plan of salvation from the beginning. Adam's sin was not a failure of God. It was His plan. That is why Revelation says that the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world. It was already in the plan. It is all about us coming back to God in repentance and falling on His mercy; and who will and who will not.

The Foreknowledge of God

Think of this world as a movie that has an "in the beginning" and a "the end." God is the producer and director of this movie. He has plugged it in, and now it is playing. He already knows the whole epic story. God is not confined to time the way we are. He sees it all at once. The word "freewill" is nowhere in the Bible. But the terms "will of God" or "His will" are found 35 times. God chose us before we chose Him. We are ordained to salvation, even before we believe.

Acts 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as **were ordained** to eternal life believed.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation** through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Ephesians 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, **according to the good pleasure of his will**,

Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will**:

Romans 8:29-30 For **whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate** *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom **he did predestinate**, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, **whom thou has given me**, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

1 Peter 1:2 **Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father**, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Ephesians 1:4 According as **he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was **foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Matthew 13:35 **That it might be fulfilled** which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter **things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world**.

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**:

Luke 11:50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

Hebrews 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although **the works were finished from**

the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, **whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

Revelation 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world,** when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for **the elect's** sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive **the very elect.**

Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together **his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Luke 18:7 And shall not God avenge **his own elect**, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Romans 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of **God's elect**? *It is* God that justifieth.

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as **the elect of God**, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Matthew 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few **chosen.**

Matthew 22:14 For many are called, but few *are* **chosen.**

Mark 13:20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for **the elect's** sake, whom **he hath chosen**, he hath shortened the days.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: But **God hath chosen** the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and **God hath chosen** the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, **hath God chosen**, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **that no flesh should glory in his presence.** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, **He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.**

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not **God chosen** the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

1 Peter 2:9 But **ye are a chosen** generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Revelation 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and **chosen**, and faithful.

Revelation 3:19-22 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old: for **I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.**

Romans 9:14-24 What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then **it is not of him that willeth**, nor of him that runneth, **but of God that sheweth mercy**. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. **Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth**. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath **fitted to destruction**: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, **which he had afore prepared** unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Only Jesus Saves