CHAPTER FIVE
The Truth About Predestination

Did you know that God foreknew all things from the very beginning and that He foreknew each and everyone of us even before the foundation of the world?

Yes, the Bible said that God is infinite and omnipotent that He foreknew every gnat, every fly, every sparrow, and every man that will ever be born upon the face of the earth. And that included YOU and me. The Scriptures say that God can hear your prayers even before you open up your mouth; the hairs on your head hath He numbered; and that He hath engraved your name on the palm of His hand.

GOD’S FOREKNOWLEDGE

Ephesians 1:5-6 states that God hath “predestinated us according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise and glory of His grace.”

Romans 8:30 further emphasizes this election saying, “Whom He did predestinate, THEM He also called; and whom He called, THEM He also justified; and whom He justified, THEM He also glorified” (past tense). And “their names were written in the Lamb’s Book of Life before the foundation of the world” (Rev.13:8)

If you are a true child of God, you are forekowned of God even before there ever was a star or moon in the entire universe. Jesus said, “All that the Father has given Me will come to Me and NONE of THEM will be LOST.” The Bible says, “All things work together for good to them that love God”, and that “the footsteps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord.” Surely, you have to recognize yourself today whether you are God’s predestinated or not, for if God has elected you to eternal life, “nothing can pluck you from out of His hand.”

THE FALL OF MAN: A PERMISSIVE WILL

Did you know that it was God’s permissive will for SIN to come into this world? Strange, but true. He permitted sin in order for Him to display His great attributes of being a SAVIOUR and a REDEEMER. He allowed Adam and Eve, our first parent, to be deceived by the serpent in order to make way for His great redemptive plan of salvation. God Himself wanted to be glorified. He could not have been glorified as a Saviour if there was nobody to be saved in the first place. There had to be sinners first, before He could ever display His attributes of being a Saviour. In the same manner that He had to create sons and daughters in me and you first, so that He could become a Father. Man’s existence and fall, therefore, had made God both Father and Saviour to us, and a Blessed Redeemer, too.

JESUS DIED JUST FOR THE ELECT

God sent Jesus Christ for only one specific purpose: that’s to save and redeem those who God foreknew will be saved; and not the rest of the world. Yes, sir. Notice Jesus in His prayer to the Father in John 17:9-10, “I pray for them: I pray NOT for the world, but for THEM which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine. And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in THEM.”

To “REDEEM” simply means to “TAKE BACK” what was originally God’s own. Jesus, as a Redeemer, was to take back only those who once belonged originally to God but were trapped in sin by the natural birth. Jesus shed His precious Blood only for those who had been foreknown of God, and for those whose names were written in the Lamb’s Book of Life before the foundation of the world. Jesus could never redeem the Devil’s children, for they are not of God. They were simply predestinated unto eternal damnation, and were basically created for that purpose. Yes, though this might seem to be a hard saying, but the Scriptures support this truth.

HOW CAN THE POT SAY TO THE POTTER?

Don’t you realize that even sinners and reprobates are predestinated by God? Yes, In 1 Peter 2:8 and it says, “Even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: whereunto they were appointed.” Jude 1:4 says it, too: “Who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness”.

Talk about Judas, Cain, Pharaoh and Balaam - all these men had played their significant part as God’s adversary in God’s greatest drama series, the Bible, without them even realizing it so. “How can the POT say to the POTTER, ‘Why hast Thou made me thus?’ Hath not the Potter power over the clay to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?” (Romans 9:21), these words pertain to predestination. God raises evil to fulfill his glorious purpose of greater good. God said in Isaiah 45:7-“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.”

THE GOSPEL IS HID TO THEM THAT ARE LOST

Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit (Luke 10:21) saying, “I thank Thee Father, O Lord of heaven and earth, for Thou hast HID these things from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight.” This blessed Gospel is, therefore, revealed only to His elected ones. God hid His truth from unbelievers.

Did you know also that one of God’s permissive will has been to allow sickness to afflict mankind? Yes, He sometimes permit sickness and diseases in order for Him to manifest Himself as a Healer. Exodus 16:26 states, “For I am the Lord that healeth thee”. Isaiah 53:5 states this also: “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes, we are HEALED”. Doctors simply make the stitches and give us prescriptions, but it’s still God Who...
does the real Healing, which is multiplication of new cells in the body, which is creation by
nature. God truly foreordained all His godly attributes to be displayed unto men and all these
attributes were finally fulfilled when God Himself became MAN through His Son Jesus
Christ and took the penalty for our sins so that by believing in Him we may be justified and
forgiven. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father
except by Me.”

Your salvation and my salvation, therefore, is truly dependent upon God's choosing
and approval. Romans 9:16 states, “It is not him that willeth or him that runneth, but of God
that sheweth mercy”. For God saith unto Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I will have
mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” God hath even declared, “Jacob have I loved, and Esau I have hated”, even before the two children were
born from their mother's womb, not having done neither good nor evil. That only proves
God's election to us.

The apostle Paul finally concluded, “But if our gospel be hid, it is HID to them
that are lost” (2 Cor. 4:3). Truly, in this day, “Many will be called, but only very few are
chosen.” Sincerity and being just religious is not enough. The Pharisees and the Saducees were so sincerely wrong. They spent all their lives studying God in the
synagogues yet when the very Messiah-God came to them, they dubbed Him as “Beelzebub”
and approval. The elect of God will hunger and thirst only for the fresh manna of
death.

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NOT EVERYONE SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM

“Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of
heaven,” saith Jesus in Matthew 7:21, “but he that doeth the will of My Father.” The Bible
says that we are not saved by any of our good works nor by any of our own personal
merits. We are saved by faith alone in the finished atonement of Jesus Christ. “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” (Eph. 2:8,9).

Only God's ELECTED few will be able to receive the full understanding of these
mysteries in the Scriptures. Others who are not, will simply continue to hold to man-made
dogmas, creeds, rituals, and religious traditions to merit their own salvation. “In vain you do
worship Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men”. That's what Jesus told the
Pharisees. “There seemeth a way that's right to a man, but the end thereof is the ways of
death.” It's always death to trust in the sinking sands of man’s ideas. The elect will only walk
in the way of God's will. The elect of God will hunger and thirst only for the fresh manna of
the Word that's revealed in the age that they are living in. And this is that Word. Receive it.

BROTHER BRANHAM SPEAKS ON “PREDESTINATION”

“And predestination is a hard word among a congregation of people, because
predestination... Really “foreknowledge” is a better word. And predestination
looks back to foreknowledge, and foreknowledge looks on to destiny. That God,
being infinite, in the beginning knew the end from the beginning, therefore He knew what
people would do, so He could foretell what would take place, for He knew what would be.
Therefore He... Before Esau or Jacob, either one was born, God could say, “Esau I've
hated, and Jacob I've loved,” because He foreknew what they could be. He never made
Esau the way he was. He wasn't willing that Esau would be that way, but Esau, by
choice, God knew would take that way. So that's how He knows us today. He knows
your heart. You might be able to fool your neighbor; you might be able to fool your pastor; but
you'll never be able to fool God, 'cause He knows your heart. (FAITH.OF.ABRAHAM.title
SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1188)
never even knowed nothing about it, went right on just like the world knowed nothing about it, but all the time, that was going on in the world. See? Why didn’t He let them know? He came and the ones that was predestinated to Eternal Life was the ones that received Him. It’d been no good to say anything to the rest of them, because He could not have redeemed them, because they wasn’t even redeemable."

(QUALIFIED.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

“So has the Messenger, the Holy Ghost of God, in this last days, seeking out the Bride. He’s had to deal with the church that calls itself the mother, the Catholic; and the brother, the preacher. That’s exactly. He had to deal with those two. They was the one that kicked up a fuss about it. And today, if that Light of God, that Holy Spirit ever strikes a—a predestinated seed, whose name was put on the Lamb’s Book of Life before the foundation of the world... The Bible says that. That’s right. The Light will shine. You can preach to some, and it seems like it’s just like water on a duck’s back, falls off. But let it once strike that seed, and watch what happens quickly, something’s there right now. Why? It’s predestinated seed coming forth. It’s got to come. And when that Light, the Gospel, strikes it, they get it. The rest of them will get up and walk away; it’s not for them. The Bible said that men were foreordained to condemnation: Book of Jude. All Scripture’s by inspiration. (SUPERIOR.SIGN.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 141 62-0706)

“God hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent and promised to reveal it to the sons of God in the last days, when the sons of God would be made manifest. When God’s sons that rejoiced with Him before the foundation of the world, when the great revelation of the Godhead and things would be brought down in the last days, He would manifest these things to the sons of God. You know the Scripture teaches that. And here we are. That’s the reason that God is opening these things to us. God is bringing His sons into manifestation.” (SERPENT’S.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-4 58-0528E)

“Your prayers, your fastings, your repentances—no matter what you present to God—none of that will gain you the privilege of sitting in that throne. It will be granted only to the WORD Bride. As the throne of the king is shared with the queen because she is united to him, so only they who are of that Word even as He is of that Word will share that throne.” (361-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE + CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.OPT.9)

“No. Nothing will be saved, only those whose names were put on the Lamb’s Book of Life before the foundation of the world, Jew or Gentile. See? That’s all; the Book holds that mystery, and the Book is only unfolding it now, not each one’s name, but what the mystery of the Book is while it’s calling those names. There might be thousands saved. I don’t know. I hope everyone of them is saved (See?), but I don’t know. But here’s the way I want to believe it: ‘I’m that one. You believe the same for you. If you don’t, then there’s something wrong with your faith. You’re not sure what you’re doing.’” (QUALIFIED.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

“There were two million people come out, sung, shouted, done everything.. and give God glory, and danced up and down the sea, and done everything that all the rest of them did. But there were only two went into the promised land: Caleb and Joshua, only two. That’s one out of a million. It’s one out of a million in natural birth. Everyone of them had the same blessing. Oh, you Pentecostals, I hope you don’t wake up too late. One out of a million. Look, there’s supposed to be five hundred million so-called Christians in the world today. If Jesus would come, there would only be five hundred go with Him then, if that statistic would run true.” (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.title SHPLA V-2 N-10 65-1125)

“You were in Christ before the foundation of the world. He came to redeem His own, His own that was in Him (Hallelujah.), His children, that was in Him. He never came to save the devil’s children. They never will know it. And they are so shrewd in the ways of their intellectual learning, that you can’t even compare with them at all. You can’t out-talk them. But by faith you see it.” (KNOWETH.IT.NOT.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-10 65-0815)