

Notes used in the Message

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15-1220am - Predestination Made Simple (You Must Choose) Pt.23 - Samuel Dale

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

- » **3** + ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
- » **4** + According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
- » **5** + Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- » **6** + To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
- » **7** + In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- » **8** + Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
- » **9** + Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
- » **10** + That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:
- » **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:
- » **12** + That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
- » **13** + In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
- » **14** + Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

JOSHUA 24:14-15

- » **14** + Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.
- » **15** + ¶ And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

JOHN 15:15-16

- » **15** + Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.
- » **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.

1) 61-0416 ABRAHAM.AND.HIS.SEED.AFTER.HIM_ BLOOMINGTON.IL SUNDAY_

« E-27 + He--He didn't say, "Now, I'm going to choose you. And I'm going to send you to hell. And I'm going to choose you, and send you to hell." That wasn't God's idea. He wanted all of us to come to heaven. But being God, He foreknew who would come, and who would not come. Now, that clears up Romans 4--Romans 9, and--and 8 and 9 there were He said that the election of God might stand sure, that before either boy was born (talking of Esau and Jacob), God said, "I love Jacob and hate Esau." See? His foreknowledge let Him know that their--that Esau was nothing but just a--a little shyster anyhow. And Jacob had recompense to that birthright. So see, His foreknowledge lets Him know. If He didn't know the end from the beginning, then He wasn't God. See? And the Bible said that we, the Church...

2) 64-0816 PROVING.HIS.WORD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-9 N-6 SUNDAY_

« 75 + We find out over there in--in--in, I believe, it's in First Thessalonians, He said, "He has predestinated us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ." God, not saying, "I'll choose you, and don't choose you," but His foreknowledge knewed what you would do. So by foreknowledge He can set in order, and He's made everything to work for His good, and for your good.

3) 65-1127B TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY_

« **133** + Now, but God has His Word set, and has in all ages. His foreknowledge has caused Him to set in the church, and in the people, certain things that He did from the beginning. And then the Gospel that's being preached to that age is only revealed to that certain people, the rest of them don't see It. See? "Thank Thee, Father Thou has, hid these things from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and reveal It to babes such as would learn." **See, that's predestination. Not that He did it by, you say, "I'll choose you, and don't choose you."** By His foreknowledge, He knowed what you would do.

4) 65-1031A LEADERSHIP_ PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-2 SUNDAY_

« **116** + So now look, he did, and that--and that--that bush attracted him, on fire, and he said, "I will turn aside and see what it is."

117 And God said to Moses, "Take off your shoes, the ground you're standing on is holy. I have chosen you to go down and deliver My people. I'm giving you power; you can smite the earth with plagues, you can turn the water into blood, you can bring fleas and lice. **Nothing is going to harm you. I choose you.**" Why? Because he chose Christ. See? You choose Christ, and He chooses you. See? Now He said, "You chose Me, and I have chose you to go down there in Egypt."

5) 57-0301 BLIND.BARTIMAEUS_ PHOENIX.AZ FRIDAY_

« **E-67** + Now, just that you might know that the Holy Spirit's still here, the Anointing is here. Now, let's all bow our heads real reverent before Him, the Maker of heavens and earth.

Now, kind Lord Jesus, our merciful Saviour, it is indeed with a surrendered heart that we bow in Your Presence. And these people who are standing here at the altar tonight are those who that You have brought up out of the dust of the earth. **You put a spirit in them, a spirit of free moral agency, to make a choice to receive Life or to refuse Life.**

6) 63-1110M SOULS.THAT.ARE.IN.PRISON.NOW_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-22 SUNDAY_

« **42** + And then, see, after He done made man in His Own image, "created He them, male and female," there was no man to till the soil. And He put him in the dust of the earth, and therefore he become... he was that man. **This human man was mammal, see, he was animal; but He put this spirit of God, a life, into him, and made him on the basis that he could make a choice. And then when this man...**

7) 65-1031A LEADERSHIP_ PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-2 SUNDAY_

« **137** + **You must make a choice. Your choice will determine what your eternal destination will be.** Remember, Jesus asks each one of us, "Follow Me if you want Life." See, leadership, "Follow Me. You'll have everlasting Life." And I'm sure, even to us adults, we get something out of this, too. If you want Life, you have to accept It. You want religion, you accept it. If you want... What you have to do, what you accept, that's what you'll get. But to me and to you, and to these little children, remember, you have an invitation. Jesus said, "Follow Me, and have Eternal Life." That's what we want to do, don't we?

8) 59-0410 LOOKING.AT.THE.UNSEEN_ LOS.ANGELES.CA FRIDAY_

« **E-38** + While we have our heads bowed and every heart praying, how many in this audience tonight would say, "Lord Jesus, I believe that I'm looking too much to the things of the world; maybe You're not enthroned on my heart like You should be. I want You, Lord." Would you raise up your hand to Him silently? God bless you. That's good. Be real honest.

You say, "Brother Branham, can I rest assured that you're telling the truth?" Well, if you can't believe me, believe the Word.

The Lord is here and He's calling. Jesus is tenderly calling to you now. While you got a chance like Eve did, like Adam did, to make a choice... Now, you're a free moral agent, you can make your choice. Where will you spend eternity? Except a man be borned again he's lost. Are you borned again? If you're not, raise up your hand and say, "Pray for me. Brother Branham, right now I desire your prayers." That's right. All over the floor here, the bottom floors, the balconies. That's good. Raise up your hand; be honest. Just be at least honest, friend.

9) 58-0720M BY.FAITH.MOSES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« **E-32** + **Lot, as he had to make a choice, Abraham give Lot his choice. And God gives you your choice. "Choose you this day who you shall serve."**

In the garden of Eden there was a tree of knowledge and a Tree of Life. Man was given the privilege to choose either one he desired. And so is it today; you're given your privilege, as free moral agents, to choose whatever you want to choose. My advice to you is, don't look at the modern things around you, and the popularity, and the glamour that you could be, but choose rather, by faith Him, that give the promise that

someday He will come and will righten all wrongs, and will give you Eternal Life, and raise you up. No matter if you take the despised way with the Lord's few, make that choice.

10) 56-0405 THE.RESURRECTION.OF.JESUS_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY

« **E-5** + But the most of the people comes to my meeting, is not to hear the teaching, is to see the manifestation of the supernatural. And that's the... I'm too illiterate, unlearned, uneducated to be able to be a-a Bible explainer. But I--I... The only thing that I--I'm glad I know Him. See? And then in that, in my humble way, among humble people, it brings a--a reality of knowing the... It confirms what the expositor is preaching. See? It's a confirmation of what the real Bible teacher, teaches. The Holy Spirit comes and confirms what He says is the truth.

So one is an ear; one is a mouth; one is an eye; but we're all one body, isn't that right? All right.

It's strange, in reading, taking His Word how that God way back before the world ever begun, how He begin to see the thing unfold and know then... God didn't make a choice then, God could not--could say the word of predestinate... The word "predestinate," as I've always said, is not a good word to use to the public, because "predestinate" means, perhaps "to--to--to predestine something to happen." But God could predestinate by foreknowledge. He foreknew what would be, not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance; but being infinite, and God, He could predestinate and foretell by foreknowledge.

11) 60-0515E ADOPTION.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.1 SUNDAY

« **98** + When did God choose us? **When did God choose you that's got the Holy Ghost? When did He choose you? Before the foundation of the world.** By His foreknowledge, He foresaw you and knewed that you would love Him. And before there was a foundation of the world, He chose you, and sent Jesus that He might be the propitiation of your sins, to call you to reconciliation, to Himself, to love. Oh, wish we had just a few more minutes' time.

12) 56-0603 THE.LAMB'S.BOOK.OF.LIFE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY

« **E-55** + And this morning the Holy Spirit, through the Word's bringing you the good news, that from before the foundation of the world God wrote your name in the Lamb's Book of Life. All the devils out of hell can't erase it out of there. God wrote it and spoke it. It's just as sure to happen as God wrote it in there before the foundation of the world. Amen. How glorious our heavenly Father is in His infinite love and His mercy to do that for us.

"Then be ye therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect." How can you be? When it's not my perfection, it's not your perfection; **it's His perfection of His Word, that He chose you. You never chose Him. And He brought you into Christ. And you are secure with Jesus Christ, and just as perfect as Christ was before God.** For you're not standing with your own; you're standing in Him with one thing, "I believe God." Amen.

Oh, I love Him. Oh, my. On the other side of Eden... Amen, What a wonderful time it'll be someday, when you look back down and say, "Why did I fear? Look at the joy I missed."

13) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY

« **246** + Did we choose Him? Huh? "Oh, Brother Branham, I--I beg your pardon. I did." No. You, according to the Word, you didn't.

247 Jesus said, "You never chose Me. I chose you." Oh, yeah. When did He choose It? When Jesus say He chose His Church? "Before the foundation of the world."

248 "According as He has chosen us in Him," at the last revival that Dr. So-and-so had? No, no. You might read that in a creed, a text book, but not in this One. See?

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,...

249 When were we chosen, at the last revival, the night we got saved? Why, when--when there wasn't no world, was no star, there was no atoms, no molecule, that's when we were chosen. Amen. Oh, don't let me start preaching on that. I'm just trying to explain something here. All right.

... before the foundation of the world, that we should be...

250 What? "Members"? No. "We should, oh, after we're saved, we just do as you want to"? No.
... we should be holy and without blame before him in...

251 "Membership"? No, no. It's "love." Ain't it? That's right. All right. "In love." Excuse me. I'm just cutting up, I guess, now. I shouldn't do it. All right.

... in love:

Having (What? P-r-e-d-e-s-t-i-n-a-t-e-d. Oh!) predestinated us unto the adoption of children (the Seed from the beginning, see)... of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

14) 63-1113 THE.SIGN.OF.THIS.TIME_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-8 WEDNESDAY_

« **54** + God deals for today. What He does tomorrow is up to Him. And He always deals with us, with an individual, see, 'cause groups of men have too many ideas.

55 Look, even the apostles, after they tried to choose one, because of Judas falling, they cast lots and it fell on Matthias. That was the best that they could do with the keys to the Kingdom. And there is not a Scripture wrote where he did anything. But God chose Saul, an ill-tempered little fellow, but He had to throw him on his back one day and--and let him look up a while. And He said, "I'll show him what great things he has to suffer for Me." See? See, the church chose Matthias, but God chose Paul. See, that's the difference. **God always does His choosing, His election. God does that by election, by His foreknowledge.**

15) 57-0908M HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FIVE.AND.SIX.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB SUNDAY_

« **142** + Brother, long time ago, before the world was ever had a foundation to it; God through His Eternal grace, **He looked down, and by foreknowledge He seen you and I. He knew what age we'd live in. He knew what we would be. Therefore, by election, He chose us before the foundation of the world, to be with Him without spot.**

143 Now, if He chose us before the foundation of the world to be in Him without spot, and we're born all spotted, and nothing else can... nothing can cleanse us, how we going to be without... how we going to be without spot? "He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not have an end of life, but have Eternal Life; should never perish, but have Eternal Life." Then when we come into Him, by faith, through grace are we saved, by the Holy Spirit calling to us.

16) 58-0125 THE.QUEEN.OF.THE.SOUTH_ WATERLOO.IA SATURDAY_

« **E-15** + Jesus had just been in a discussion. He was having a great campaign. And as such a campaign as Jesus would have, it brought out mixed multitudes. When the supernatural is done--has been done, rather, it causes mixed multitudes. It brings this class of people: believers, unbelievers, and make-believers. And it always has did that.

And in this great discussion He'd been presenting the Gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit. And many of the people had believed on Him. But as usual, there are those who would not believe. And the sad part of it is, my brethren, is to think of it in this light, that those people that cannot believe were ordained to that condemnation. That's the Scripture. **If you are a believer tonight, you should bow your head in reverence and humbleness to thank God that He chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world.** 'Cause, "No man can come to Me," said Jesus, "except My Father draws him." And God by foreknowledge, not willing that any should perish, but by foreknowledge knew who would, so He could predestinate from the beginning all things... Jesus come to save those who the Father saw before the foundation of the world that would be saved.

17) 60-0522M ADOPTION.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.3 SUNDAY_

« **178** + God, by His foreknowledge, seen exactly who would be saved and who wouldn't be saved. He sent Jesus to save those that He had already chosen. Didn't Paul say five verses behind this, that He chose us in Him before there even was a world? That's our inheritance. God chose us, and let Jesus come and pay the price. The what? His shedding of His Blood, that no sin would be accounted to us. Nothing you do. But if you...