

# Notes used in the Message

20-0621am - Chosen Us In Him Pt.2 (Predestination) - Samuel Dale

## EPHESIANS 1:1-6

- » 1 † ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:
- » 2 † Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- » 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.

### 1) 59-0628E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY\_

« 97 † Why? I can't take the Bible saying something here, like the church says, "The Holy Ghost was for just that group back there." The church says so; and the Scripture says, "Whosoever will." I can't make that hit the target.

I can't make Calvinism--just believe on the Lord and you got eternal security--and Arminianism, "That if I just touch not, handle not, taste not, I--I'd like to do it, but I can't do it."... Arminianism is too far away from Calvinism, and they both are wrong. I've got to see where... They both got Scriptures, but it's got to hit the target. Now, if God said one thing in this Bible, it's got to hit the target; it's got to make every ring in that Bible come right straight down to that bull's-eye. It's got to do it, because It's God's Word; and He's infinite, and He can't change. Amen. I love that, 'cause then you can rest perfectly satisfied that It's God's eternal Word. Therefore, I try to study It from different Scriptures to make It, see what It would say. All right.

### 2) 50-0822 FAITH.WITHOUT.WORKS.IS.DEAD\_ CLEVELAND.OH TUESDAY\_

« E-22 † Now, the first thing... It looks like Paul was speaking in Romans the 4th chapter, justifying Abraham by faith; and James is justifying him by works. But it does not contradict. Paul was speaking of what God saw in Abraham, and James was speaking what man saw in Abraham.

Paul was speaking of what God saw in Abraham, in Genesis 6, when He told him that he was going to have this child by Sarah. And Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. He believed the promise. That's what God saw.

And then James speaking, was speaking of what man saw in Genesis 22 where Abraham offered up Isaac.

See, what faith is... What faith you have, that's what God sees. But what your works is, that's what your neighbors see. See? Show me your works by your faith--without your faith, and I'll show you my works by my faith. See?

Notice, I believe that this audience here has faith. I believe that. But I believe you're afraid to turn it loose on works. For I--I believe that if you would just let your faith loose... See?

### 3) 53-0608E AT.THY.WORD\_ CONNERSVILLE.IN MONDAY\_

« E-17 † Now, see, now Paul was justifying Abraham by faith. James justified him by works. Paul said Abraham was justified, Romans 4, by faith. And so James comes over and says that he was justified by works. Now, both of them, one confirmed the other. Now, Paul was speaking what God saw: his faith. James is speaking what man saw: his works. And if you say, "I got faith in God," and afraid to put your faith to work, then it won't do you no good. You've got to launch out.

That's what's the matter with the peoples today of this world, many of them has faith, but they're afraid to launch out with it. You're just afraid to venture a little bit. Just to say, "Well, I can. I can do all things with Christ Who strengthens me." Amen. Look at Him, said, "Launch out into the deep, and let down for the draught."

4) 65-1127B TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL\_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY\_

131 He only reveals His Word in the predestinated. Now, when I use the word predestinate... Now, it's a bad word to use in public, especially when we have mixed crowds between the Arminians and the Calvinists. And not a... I've asked you not to think I know It all, but they're both wrong according to the Scripture. Grace is what God did for me, works is what I do for Him. See? Then you've got It. If you climb out on either one of the limbs, you'll sure find yourself out on the end of the limb and can't get back. The Book of Ephesians pulls it together, I think.

132 Now, but the word, when I use it, predestinated, don't think that I'm... that's the only word I know how to--to make... It's God's foreknowledge, see, that He knowed. He--He can't say... He--He died that all might be saved, He did, but by His foreknowledge He knowed who would and who would not. See? That's what He knows, I don't know it and you don't know it, so we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

5) 59-1223 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD WEDNESDAY\_

< 113 † 103. Now, let's see. Now, the next one here says; What is meant by predestination before the world begin; where is it in the Bible? Predestination before the world begin?

All right, my precious friend, let us turn to Ephesians the 1st chapter just for one place. We won't take too long on this one I don't think, unless it doesn't answer right. And let's just start reading here at Ephesians the 1st chapter.

Now, the first thing, I want to say this, that "predestination" is a bad word for a minister to--to use before an untrained congregation. See? It is. I don't use it. Sometimes here at the church... But out in the audiences, out in the big... Where everything's piled in from everything, I watch that word. I always use the word foreknowledge, because predestination is only the foreknowledge of God. God being infinite, by foreknowledge He knew everything, or He isn't infinite. See, see? He knew what would happen. So by foreknowledge He could predestinate. That's the reason that I believe that God--that God just doesn't...

6) 62-0706 JEHOVAH.JIREH.2\_ GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 73-106 FRIDAY\_

< 33 † Now, there's a doctrine of predestination which is rotten, nonsense. But there really is a true predestination. God, by foreknowledge, could predestinate because He has foreknowledge. God is not willing that any should perish, but, being the infinite God, knew that who would perish and who would not.

34 That's the reason He said before Isaac or--or... before Jacob or Esau was born, He hated Esau and loved Jacob. His foreknowledge let Him know that Esau was a shyster, and He let Him know that Jacob respected that birthright; regardless of how he got it, he wanted it. Now, both boys, twins, born from the same holy mother and father, but one was a renegade and the other was a--a believer. Now God, by His foreknowledge, knew that.

7) 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.

8) 65-1205 THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE\_ RIALTO.CA V-4 N-6 SUNDAY\_

< 81 † And when a child of God, when that predestinated... That's a bad word to use, but it's God. Here is God's Bible. The foreknowledge of God can predestinate, make everything work to His honor. When that predestinated seed, that you was to be, and God called you, and that little eagle of a seed in there heard the Word of God, it will build on top, one Word on top the other one, on top the other one, on top the other one. It'll not mix with any creed.

**9) 64-0816 PROVING.HIS.WORD\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-9 N-6 SUNDAY\_**

« 122 † **Now I want you to notice, He does it that way in every age. He does it every time by the same method, He has to take believers. And then, in order to have believers to meet that Word, He's got to predestinate it to that age. You see it? He's got to predestinate this thing to be there to meet the challenge of the age. Did it get you? Did you feel it? Did you see it? Do you understand it? That's what's happening today, He predestinated it to this, by His foreknowledge. When He predestinated, in Malachi 4, it's got to happen. When He come over and predestinates anything to happen in His Word, He had to prove His Word to be so. When He predestinates anything to happen and says it will happen, He knows that seed will be there just at that time. He predestinated a Bride, She's going to be there! Going to be a Rapture, She's going to be there! He predestinates it by His foreknowledge. See, there's nothing going to stop it.**

**10) 63-1129 THE.SUPER.SIGN\_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-7 FRIDAY\_**

« 10 † **God knowed the end from the beginning, therefore He could plan everything, that it would work out just to His glory. And that gives us courage, to know that no matter what comes or goes, God is making everything, the clock is ticking just exactly on time.**

11 **Sometimes we get weary, upset. We get hastily. We think, "Oh, we must do this, or do that."**

12 **But, remember, God's clock will be just exactly on time. All these things has to be this way. It has to all be done according to His great knowledge, His foreknowledge, for by foreknowledge He could predestinate; not by His desire, but by His knowledge. God doesn't predestinate by His desire. He is not willing that any should perish, but by His foreknowledge He knew who would accept it and who would not. Therefore He can make everything work according to His big time clock that's ticking away, for He could foretell the end from the beginning. And, therefore, He knew that we would live in this day. He knew that this would be our day. He had plans for this day. He has had plans for every day. And never has one of His plans ever failed. He is always on time.**

**11) 56-0223 GOD'S.COVENANT.WITH.ABRAHAM.AND.HIS.SEED\_ SIOUX.FALLS.SD THURSDAY\_**

« E-15 † **Now, Jesus didn't come to Calvary just for a haphazard thought, "Well, I'll die up there; perhaps maybe somebody will feel sorry for me and--and come down and get saved." No, no, God don't run His office like that. You don't run your office like that. Jesus come for one specific purpose: that was to redeem those that God foreknew would be redeemed. See?**

**Now, God's not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance. But in order to be God, He had to know... Now, the word "predestinate," as is used in Ephesians 1:5, predestinate there, isn't a good word. It means in--in speaking of predestination to the people sometimes leads them to think that God just predestinated you to push you through a little pipe, or something. That's not right. Predestination looks back to foreknowledge. And foreknowledge looks to destiny.**

« E-16 † **Therefore, God being God before the foundation of the world knew that who would be saved and who would not. Romans 8, He could say that He hated Esau and loved Jacob before either child was born. For by foreknowledge He knowed what a little shyster that--that Esau would be, and how He would save Jacob. So therefore, by foreknowledge God knew those things (See?), foreknowledge.**

**So then, look now I'm basing something. Wish we had about three or four hours on this one subject, but we haven't; we just have to hit the high places. And notice, now by foreknowledge God knew, and He did say that there will be a Church.**

**12) 56-0405 THE.RESURRECTION.OF.JESUS\_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY\_**

« E-6 † **As well stated, predestination looks back to foreknowledge, and foreknowledge looks on to destiny. See? And God in the beginning, could see all things the way it would happen. Therefore, He could tell, this will be this way, and that'll be that way, and this will be this way, and that that way, because He... By foreknowledge He wasn't willing that the left side would be wrong, that this would be... He didn't want that to happen. But being God, He knew it would happen that way. So therefore, He could foretell what would be. And He knew**

the end from the beginning. That wonderful? And to think that every borned again child of God tonight, has that privilege and assurance to know that God knoweth His own. See? That's right. God knoweth His own.

**13) ROMANS 8:29-30**

» 29 † ¶ 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.

» 30 † 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.

**14) 55-1006E THE.POWER.OF.GOD\_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY\_**

« E-19 † The word "predestinate," that's not a good word to use. The word "foreknowledge" is better. Predestination looks back to foreknowledge and foreknowledge looks to destination. But God not making, set it in order, a little hole that you have to go through and can't go no other way; but God in order to be God, He knewed the end from the beginning, so He could predict it, and set things in order to happen.

**15) 55-1111 WHERE.I.THINK.PENTECOST.FAILED\_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA FRIDAY\_**

« E-28 † But if we'd only go back to find out when God made His first man, He made man in His Own image. And God is a Spirit, so He had to make spirit-man.

Now, the Word is used here in the 5th verse of "predestination," Predestinated, it's not a very good word for an evangelist or a minister to use, because it kinda confuses people when you say "predestinate." Predestination speaks--looks back to foreknowledge; foreknowledge looks to destination. Predestination goes back to foreknowledge; foreknowledge goes to destination.

In other words God didn't say, "Now, I'll make this man be this, and I'll make this man to be that." But in order to be God, He had to know the end from the beginning. So in order to foreknowledge that He knew, He could say, "This would happen, and that would happen," because He was God and knowed where everything would be placed. And therefore, He could ordain certain things for certain ages. You believe that? That--that's truly Scripture.

**16) 55-1118 THE.FAITH.OF.ABRAHAM\_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA FRIDAY\_**

« E-19 † 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. And if... 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.

**17) 56-0304 MAKING.A.WAY\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY\_**

« E-24 † God didn't do that. Jesus died for one purpose: and that was to save those who God foreknew would be saved. That's right. God knew there was going to be somebody saved, and there had to be a preparation, or a way made, for them to be saved. If there wasn't, salvation wasn't possible. So God foreknowing that people would be saved, knowing who they were, He had to lay a plan down.

Now, you'd say to me, "Brother Branham, then God knows exactly who will be saved?" Correctly.

"Why does He say, He's not willing that any should perish?" He isn't. He isn't willing that any should perish, but that all might come to repentance. But the order to be God, He has to know who will do that, or He wasn't God. 'Cause He is--He's omnipotent; He's omnipresent; He's omniscient; He knows everything. He's at every place, and all powerful.

So foreknowledge looks back and says that He foresaw this, and knows that's the reason He could tell what the end was from the beginning. And therefore, knowing that all these marvelous days that we're living in now, and to stand and witness and see the things that we've seen now, God had to make a preparation for it.

**18) 58-0316E DOOR.TO.THE.HEART\_ HARRISONBURG.VA SUNDAY\_**

« E-84 † That's the reason when Paul spoke of it in Corinthians there or Romans, he said, "Before either child was born, Esau, and Jacob, both with good, holy parents, God said, 'I hate Esau, and love Jacob,' that His election might stand true." How many ever read that? And you can't believe in election? He knowed just exactly what would happen. Certainly.

He's not willing, but His foreknowledge lets Him know. He don't just say, "I'm going to save this and lose that one." He wants you all saved, but His foreknowledge know who would; so therefore He could predestinate according to foreknowledge, and that's election. Jesus come, and the last ones to be saved will be saved; the church will go home.

**19) 63-0318 THE.FIRST.SEAL\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN MONDAY\_**

« 59 † Now, the Lamb in the time of intercessory back here, He knew that there were names in there that was put in there from the foundation of the world, and as long as them names have never been manifested on earth as yet, He had to stay there as Intercessor. Do you get it? Perfectly predestination... See?

All right, He had to stay there, because He came to die for those that God had ordained to Eternal Life. See, see? By His foreknowledge He saw them, not by His own will. His will was that none should perish, but by His foreknowledge He knew who would and who would not.

Therefore as long as there was one name hadn't never yet been clared--declared in earth, Christ had to stay there as an Intercessor to take care of that name. But as soon as that final name had been splashed in that Clorox or bleach, then His intercessory days was over. "Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's holy, he's holy still." See? And He leaves the sanctuary, and then it becomes a judgment seat. Woe unto those outside of Christ then.

**20) 154-3 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4**

Before I close this subject, I know there is a question in your minds. You will want to know if I believe in the doctrine of preexistence. I don't believe in that Mormon doctrine of the preexistence of souls any more than I believe in reincarnation or the transmigration of souls. Be careful here and see this. It is not the person that comes predestinated eternally from God, IT IS THE WORD, OR SEED. That is it. Way back there, too far back for the human mind to grasp, the Eternal God with eternal thoughts, thought and decreed,

"JACOB HAVE I LOVED, BUT ESAU HAVE I HATED,  
(Romans 9:13)

AND NEITHER WAS BORN, AND NEITHER HAD DONE GOOD OR EVIL."

See, it was the THOUGHT, and then that thought became expressed, and God bought back Jacob, because Jacob alone was SEED. Jacob, alone had the seed; that is why he had respect to the birthright and covenant of God. If you are true seed, you will hear that Word; the Spirit will baptize you into the body of Christ, filling you and empowering you, and you will receive the Word for your day and age. See how clear the true evidence becomes when the Word is revealed to you? Again, note, Jesus was the Royal Seed. He lived in a human body. When the Spirit called to Him (the Word-Manifested Thought), He went to Jordan and was there baptized in water. Upon obeying the Word, the Holy Spirit came upon Him and the voice said, "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him." The voice did not say, "This has become My Son," Jesus WAS the Son. The Holy Ghost positioned Him as that Son before them all. Then having been filled thus (and the same pattern holds at Pentecost and ever after), He went in demonstrated power, receiving the full revelation of God and from God, for that day.