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The BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF PREDESTINATION

Predestination is thoroughly BIBLICAL – The PRIDE of MEN BLINDS them to IT

1. **The EXPLICIT text** – *Furnished* – Eph. 1:5, 11/1 Cor. 2:7/Rom. 8:29-30/Acts 4:28
 - a. Predestination *defined* – 6x Pro-Horidzo – To Establish – Appoint – Determine – Beforehand – Set the boundaries of their course – “Ps. 139:1-3” 10x horidzo – Luke 22:22 – (Prophecy) – Acts 10:42; 17:26, 31; 2:23-24 – (Omniscience/Counsel)
 - b. The Omniscience of GOD is never PASSIVE – Eph. 1:11/Rom. 11:33-36/Acts 15:18

2. **Addressing a DISTORTED ARGUMENT**
 - a. The object of Predestination – is always GOD’S redemption of His people – “In Christ” – He never employs Pro-horidzo as the CAUSE for which men are damned and go to hell
 - b. Double predestination – like Freewill – is a philosophical argument – rooted in bad logic – not revelation – “A mistake some believers also make” – Prov. 3:5
 - c. PREDESTINATION is revealed in the bible as EMPLOYED for the ELECT alone – Eph. 1:3, 11/Acts 10:42/Is. 42:1

3. **The REQUEST to affirm this** – is often denied or a distorted meaning given
 - a. Because of my second Premise – 2 Cor. 4:1-4/Mark 14:58/John 2:19 – (Paradigmatic)
 - b. His blindness is sustained by a willful pride – Rom. 8:5-8/Ps. 10:4-5
 - c. TO OBJECT to explicit text – Coherently developed is to reject God’s counsel – Ps. 50:16-18
 - d. This is National Israel’s condemnation – Luke 7:30; 20:4/Acts 7:51-55

In closing, the Threat of predestination as explained is with those who have not learned to TRUST GOD’S WILL – Leaning on their OWN Understanding – Controlled by a WILL in bondage to the spirit of ERROR – Luke 23:25/Acts 2:23 – Inclined to “KILL the TRUTH”

4. **The MYTH of the Morally neutral will/VOLITION vs (libertarian)**

Bad argument 1 – Man has *no will!* “I ROBOT” valid rebuttal

- a. The desire, aspiration and doing is the root of will/volition – James 1:13-15/Gen. 3:1-6
- b. It is first a Mind, Heart, Inclination matter – Gen. 6:5, 11c/Ps. 1:2/Matt. 15:19/Rom. 3:9-12

Bad argument 2 – Man’s Will is not free in *any sense at all!* – Rom. 9:19-20

- a. Makes God culpable for their actions – John 8:44-45/Jer. 2:5/Rom. 1:18-21/Ps. 58:3
- b. Emancipates man from responsibility – Luke 12:45-48/Dan. 5:22/Rom. 1:21-23/John 15:20-24

Valid argument 1 – Man’s will is Free in “two” senses only! – Eccl. 7:29

- a. *It was Free* in ADAM before the FALL – Rom. 5:12
- b. Freedom to do good was *lost after the fall* – Jer. 13:23
- c. Their absolute *Freedom is a delusion* – Ex. 24:3, 5/Deut. 5:29/Rom. 7:14-15

The First argument of the Biblicist

- a. *Fallen Man’s Will* is enslaved to sin and Satan – John 8:34/Rom. 3:23/1 Tim. 2:22-24
- b. He cannot do any good *apart from God* – John 15:5; 5:40/Rom. 3:11/Matt. 7:15-21
- c. *PRIDE forbids* this HUMILITY – Ps. 10:3-4/John 5:40-43 – Satan – John 8:44/James 4:6/
1 Peter 5:5

The second Argument of the Biblicist

- a. **To do GOOD you have to be CHANGED** and empowered – John 3:3-5
- b. *The RADICAL life* of the TRUE BELIEVER – Titus 3:5, 8, 15
- c. *The DEPENDENT life* of the TRUE BELIEVER – Phil. 2:12-13/Zech. 4:6

Therefore, the FREEDOM of the WILL is a DELUSION – John 8:34-37

- a. We are trapped in *the bondage of sin* – Eph. 2:2/Rom. 7:14-15
- b. We want to *sin by nature* – Rom. 3:23
- c. We are FREE in this SENSE – *only to SIN* – Rom. 6:20-21

THEREFORE, TRULY CHOOSING GOD is a function of GRACE – Jer. 32:39-40

- a. A NEW BIRTH
- b. A NEW HEART
- c. A NEW IDENTITY – 2 Cor. 5:17

THEREFORE, this is the WORK of GOD – Phil. 2:12-13

- a. He Raises YOU from the DEAD – John 5:24-25
- b. YOU Are ALIVE in HIM – John 15:4/Eph. 2:5
- c. You NOW Desire to do good – Rom. 7:25/1 John 3:9
- d. You only do good THROUGH and BY HIM – Rom. 9:14-16/Phil. 1:9-11

The INTENTION of the FREEWILL Advocate? “To absolve GOD of guilt for our DEMISE!” –
Rom. 9:19-20/Is. 29:16