

PREDESTINATION AND INTERVENTION

A STUDY OF SOVEREIGNTY

“One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

- Ephesians 4:6

1. God is Above All

- a. His great power above all - Eph 1:17-22
- b. One God and Father of all, who is above all...– Eph 4:6
- c. ‘Sovereign’ is not in the Bible → The idea = Psalm 95:3; 97:8-9; 99:22
 - i. He is not reigning as king over the planet right now – 2 Cor 4:4
- d. Deism = the faith of the founders = God is the architect, but does not intervene
 - i. God is not the wind, clouds, the smell of apple pie – He is greater!
 - ii. God DOES intervene in the world → 1 Tim 3:16; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Cor 5:20
 - iii. The attack is made that Christians attribute God to their ignorance – Study!

2. The Foreknowledge of God

- a. There is none like me - Isaiah 46:9-10
- b. Elect according to the foreknowledge - 1 Peter 1:2
- c. He knew the nation before – Rom 11:2; Gen 12:2-3
- d. Prophecy - The enmity between the seed and woman - Gen 3:15 ← foreknew
 - i. Prophecy is something only God can do – Isa 41:22-23
 - ii. Knowledge is power, “had they known” – 1 Cor 2:7-8

3. The Will of God

- a. “He worketh all things according to the counsel of his wil” – Eph 1:11
- b. Can you ever be out of God’s will? --- According to Calvin God wills all.
- c. Will to see all men saved - 1 Tim 2:4 → the context is about unsaved!!
- d. Is this God’s will? – Luke 7:39; Acts 7:51-53
- e. It repented the Lord that he had made man –6:5-7 & Gen 1:31
- f. Why did God send Jonah? - Jonah 3:10
- g. Which I commanded not – Jer 32:35
- h. IF... THEN → If the wicked will turn – Eze 18:21
 - i. If the wicked man turns - Isa 55:6-7
 - ii. Was this God’s will? - Exodus 32:7-9 -- No
 - iii. Belief is necessary → Rom 3:22, 26

4. Predestination

- a. The elect is the body of Jesus Christ - Rom 8:28-31
- b. He foreknew; it was the purpose that was before → 2 Tim 1:9
- c. It pleased God to separate Paul - Gal 1:15
- d. I sanctified (separated) thee and ordained thee (Jeremiah) - Jer 1:5
- e. God hath chosen a special people ISRAEL - Deut 7:6; Deut 18:5
- f. Abraham his chosen - Psalm 105:6
- g. Chosen in Christ – Eph 1:4; 11 ← according to the purpose