

JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

Part 15

“Predestination, Election, Free Will & Foreknowledge”

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Good morning everybody. Shabbat Shalom to all. Look how beautiful you all look today. Good to see everyone of you this morning. We welcome all of you to Bible study. This is the seventh day of the week. It is the only day that is holy unto Yahweh even though he created all of them, he only reserved one of them exclusively unto himself. And that is the seventh day of the week.

We are honoring his word today by setting aside our own agenda, setting aside our own thing, and focusing on him for these 24 hours. So I welcome all of you this morning. We've got a full class today. Normally I spend a lot of time greeting and small talk and things of that nature, but today I'm not going to be able to do that because I have to be somewhere by 12:30. So we're going to have to get right into the lesson. I apologize for having to rush but it was rather that or not having any Bible study today. I did the best I could do. Praise the Lord.

Well we are ready to get started. Amen. We have a great subject to discuss this morning. A subject that so few people understand. This is part 15 of Joy Comes in the Morning. Today we're going to tackle four words that most of Christianity does not know how to deal with, and if they do, they deal with it incorrectly. Those four words, if you want to write them in your notes, are...

Predestination, Election, Free Will and Foreknowledge

Someone tell me what predestination means in the minds of most believers? *In the minds of most believers it's that Yahweh chooses who's going to heaven and who's going to hell.* Amen. And basically you're either born to go to heaven or to go to hell and there's no free will involved. It's a done deal.

Alright, can someone tell me what free will is? *Free will is being able to make your own choices without any outside influences.* Alright, that's true. Someone tell me what foreknowledge is. *Knowing something ahead of time.* That's exactly right. And I'm not going to worry about the word election because it's pretty much the same as predestination, you were elected to go to heaven or to go to hell.

Do you know the sad thing about predestination and the sad thing about free will and the sad thing about foreknowledge and election? They are all true. And yet how can they all be true and mean the exact opposite of one another? I'm going to

show you the missing key today to understand these subjects. Did anyone grow up as a Calvinist? Is there any here that came from a Calvinist background? Ok we have a few. So basically Calvinists is predestination, what we call ultimate, hardcore predestination. We're going to go over some of those today. Now I grew up in what is called freewill in the old holiness churches. They were totally against predestination. They just believe that man was choosing and whatnot.

So, we're going to go over all of that today and hopefully clear it up. Let's go to the book of Philippians 3:20-21. Now all of this has to do with the message joy comes in the morning. Everything we're going to learn today will tie up some of those loose ends for you.

Philippians 3:20-21

20 For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Yahshua Messiah,

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Read verse 21 again. I want everyone to listen to the last line of verse 21, and I want you to force yourself to look at that scripture. I want you to stare at it. And I want you to ask yourself...why can I not take this at face value? Why do I have a mental block from receiving plainly what it says? Read it again.

He is able to do what? *Subdue all things unto himself*. And yet we don't believe that in Christianity. Most Christians today have never really thought about whether Yahshua really has this power. I want you to think about it. According to the word of God, he has the power to subdue all things to himself. That means everyone, everybody. But we assume that he is essentially powerless to save anyone else but the first fruit, or the election. There's that word *election*. The first fruit, the 144,000, the overcomers, all of that, is known in Christian language as the election.

These are the people that are elected, if you will, to come up in the first resurrection. In our minds, in all of Christianity, we have limited Yahshua's ability to subdue all things to himself to the election, to the first harvest. Or, in other words, to the ones in this Zoom class this morning and others like us. In our minds this is it. This is the day of salvation. Has anyone ever heard "today is the day of salvation"? Can I see your hand? Alright, would you like for me to show you that that is a mistranslation? I'd be happy to. Let's go to the scripture itself and look at it. It's in 2 Corinthians 6:2. We'll look at this together and see if today is THE day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2

(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Alright, so here's the problem. This is a quote. This is Paul quoting. He says right there in the first three words...for he saith. He's speaking of—it's been said before. It was spoken by a prophet what I'm about to quote to you. In fact he is quoting verbatim Isaiah 49:8. When you go there, it says...

Thus saith Yahweh, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in *a* day of salvation have I helped thee...

So it's not *the* day of salvation, it is *a* day of salvation. This is just one of many days of salvation. So we have to understand that Yahshua is not limited by our theology. He has the power to subdue all things unto his self. Now we assume that Yahshua is not going to go against the free will of man. I was taught that my whole life, that Yahweh never forces us to do anything. Boy what a lie that was that I was taught and believed all my life.

Free will is a lie. I'm going to prove it to you today. Yahshua himself said in John 12:32, let's go read what he said.

John 12:32

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Alright let's look at that. How many of you all have ever read that verse and just sort of skipped over it? I read by Bible all my life and just sort of skipped over that verse because he said he would draw all men unto him, and I didn't see all men coming unto Yahshua, so that's one of those verses we just kept on reading, you know, because it didn't make any sense.

Let's look at that verse on the Blue Letter Bible app/website. Draw is the Greek word (G1670) *elko*. He said. "If I be lifted up I will draw..." The word draw there literally means "to drag, lead or impel". And the root word means drag. Read that verse again and replace draw with drag.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will DRAG all men unto me.

Ha, ha, ha! "If I be lifted up (and he was lifted up), I will drag all men unto me". Now when that word's used in the New Testament, it indicates that the one doing the dragging is imposing his will on the one who's being dragged. I'm sorry, but when someone's dragging you, and you're sitting there flopping and flipping,

your free will looks like a joke. Oh yeah, you've got free will, absolutely. You can flap those arms, you've got free will to flap those legs. But you're still being DRAGGED.

“If I be lifted up, I will DRAG all men unto me.”

I want you to know if you're in this Zoom class this morning, it's because he violated your freewill and drug you to this marvelous truth!! Hallelujah! You didn't choose this, it chose you! How many's glad he dragged you? Hallelujah. And darling if he truly dragged you, he won't let you go. Amen? Let's read John 6:44. Now change the word draw here as well.

John 6:44

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me DRAG him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Huh? No man comes to me on his own. Oh, no one comes to me on their own. No man has that ability. That's why I laugh at all these pitiful people who try to convince me that on Halloween night they're going to save the lost by handing out tracks on Halloween night. Darling, that's your problem. You think you're the one who's doing the dragging. Darling, when God gets ready to drag somebody, he'll drag them. Sit your butt in your house, he doesn't need you to drag them to salvation. He doesn't need you to save anybody!

I want to show you the scripture and what it says plainly. Romans 3:10-12.

Romans 3:10-12

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

11 There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after Yahweh.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one.

What did the scripture just say? There is no one who ever gets saved on their own. *Brother Vaughn, it doesn't say that.* Read it again. No man seeks after God. It's not even in your nature to seek after God. That's why he has to come seeking after you. Amen. It's not even in your nature to even desire God. I mean think about, hello?

Let's walk in a daycare center with children that are wild. They're eating all the cookies, they're pouring the Koolaid on one another, they're having the time of

their life. They are literally romping and stomping. Are any of them looking for a teacher? Are any of them looking for a law? Are any of them looking to be constrained? Are any of them looking to be matured, changed?

No man is looking for God! No man. No man is looking after God. Let's read Matthew 23:15. This talks about those Halloween people who are trying to get folks saved on Halloween. God doesn't need you to get anybody saved.

Matthew 23:15

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

He said you religious folks, you act like it's your duty to get somebody saved, and you go knock on every door, you go to the gay pride parade and stand out there and try to get folks saved, you go to Bourbon Street and try to get folks saved. You go and compass land and sea just getting somebody saved because you think in your mind that you have that ability, you have that power.

But he said that by the time you convert them, all you've done is turned them into whatever you are. In other words, if you're a Baptist out getting folks saved, you just turned them into a Baptist, you don't turn them into an Israelite. You turn them into a Baptist. You Pentecostals, you turn people into Pentecostals, not Israelites. You keep turning them into whatever you are.

He said...but if I drag them, I'm going to bring them into the house of Israel. So this is what you need to understand today. God don't need you Halloween night out trying to get somebody saved because you don't have that power within yourself. Now somebody said...*well pastor, it says 'how can they hear without a preacher?'*. You're exactly right. Here's what that means. When the Spirit is dragging someone, he's going to drag them to whoever's preaching the truth, and that's how they will hear. He does the dragging, I do the catching. Hallelujah? You do the catching. You're the net.

Oh pastor, but we're supposed to be fishers of men. Don't embarrass yourself. When that scripture was written, there was no such thing as a fishing rod with bait. They didn't use those. What did they use? A net. And they had no power over what was coming in that net. God had the power of what was coming in the net. You just pull them up! Glory, glory, glory!

He'll send them in. The wave will send in the fish. You just have to hold the net. But you've got to be careful because everything goes into the net. Fish and things that are not fish. You catch a bunch of stuff and you've got to shake that net to get

rid of the junk and keep the fish. Clean and unclean all come into it. We've had them come into this net at First Harvest, clean and unclean. It takes a little while to shake them off the net. But they'll shake off eventually. Amen. Let's go read John 21:6

John 21:6

And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find.

You shall find a what? A catch. Just cast the net. Just be standing there. Look, he said...just stand on the right side of the ship, get off that left democratic side, get on the right side of the ship, get on over here on the side of the church that's not liberal. Get on the right side of the ship and just stand there. What I need you to do is have a message waiting for when I draaaaaag in the fish. You just be ready to give an answer to any man that asks you.

You never have to go up to somebody and say...*do yo know the Lord?* You don't have to do that. You stand there and when the Lord drags them up to you, they'll say...*I can tell you know the Lord, can you tell me what I need to do?* Hallelujah. Just stand there. And he said..."cast your net".

They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

Oh, that's how I felt when the Lord first filled First Harvest Ministries up from all over the world, not able to haul it in. Why? I was just standing there. I built FHTV, but it wasn't FHTV—it was my YouTube channel. I had been building it for seven years. I had been building the net. That's why today there's so much food there for you because Yahweh knew that I would not personally be able to feed you enough humanly everyday. So he had me go for seven years when nobody was listening to me and put up those old teachings so that when you came into the net, the food was there waiting.

I'll never forget my wife, when I looked her in the eye about five years ago now, and I told her...God said for me to buy the best cameras I can buy. They were \$900 a piece and that was a lot of money. And she looked at me, and of course she never doubts me when the Lord spoke to me, but it was almost if she were saying...*your little webcam is fine honey, there ain't nobody watching you no how* (ha! ha!). But God said to prepare for the fish that were coming.

Let's read James 2:6. I want to show you how the Lord drags people to court, if you will.

James 2:6

But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

Ok, do they not draw you before the judgment seat? Now brothers and sisters, that drawing is a dragging. You don't go to court on your own. You have to be dragged there by a subpoena. So this is the same illustration that the day will come when Yahweh's will is going to be imposed upon all creation.

He will drag them to himself. *How pastor Vaughn?* The way we just read in James 2:6. He's going to drag them to court because it's at the judgment when the books will be open, and that's when that 100-year judgment in the lake of fire will begin for all of the rebellious sons that come kicking and screaming. Let's read Philippians 2:10-11.

Philippians 2:10-11

10 That at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth,

11 And that every tongue should confess that Yahshua Messiah is Lord, to the glory of Yahweh the Father.

I'll never know how we got around that scripture. I mean we just had to ignore it is all I can say because there is no way that God has that kind of power nor does he have that kind of desire. And yet the scripture says that he *wills* that all men would be saved. So if he's got the will and he's got the power—he tells you in his word that every knee bows and every tongue is going to confess that he is Lord.

You see you've got to know that he has a plan or you won't be able to understand your Bible. Let's read Romans 9:9-13. What we're going to show you in these verses is what we call Yahweh's election, or predestination, if you will.

Romans 9:9-13

9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.

10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac,

11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of Yahweh according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Not of works, but of him that calleth. Here's what he is saying: One day in Christianity we're going to have to take man off the throne of control and give it back to God, back to Yahweh, and realize man is in control of nothing. We must quit this humanism, this religion of humanism—that "it is my choice". No darling, you are the clay, he is the potter, you're not all that! All glory goes to Yahweh. It's not because of *your* choosing, but of him who calls!

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

I'm going to let that percolate. They're not even born yet and Yahweh already loves one and hates the other. These are not the exceptions to the rule, Paul is just using them as an illustration. This is the rule. Esau was not rejected based on his works, and Jacob was not elected based on his works. God chose them before their birth in order to prove to us that it is not of works, but of him that calleth, proving that you, beloved, have nothing to do with where you are today.

So what does election mean? It means that God, Yahweh, is causing and man is responding to that casual force. Let me say that again. For there to be a reaction, there must first be an action. That is what election is. Yahweh calling, man responding. But remember, if Yah doesn't call, there can be no reaction without the first action. So if your salvation depends on the action rather than the reaction, who is ultimately in control of your destiny? Yahweh. Take yourself off the throne. Put Yahweh back in control.

Now, the objection that always comes up when I teach this is...*what about God's justice? Brother Vaughn, you know, is that just for God to force his will upon us? Is that justice?* We're going to deal with that because Paul dealt with that plainly.

Now if I have a son that I know he's going to disobey me when I say...*don't drive that four-wheeler too fast...* I know he's going to do it because I know his nature. So I go out there and I put a governor on that four-wheeler to where it won't go faster than a turtle pace. Was that just of me to force my will upon that child? Of course it was because justice brings us to an expected end. You cannot have an expected end if you're in control of that expected end.

Is anybody hearing me? *Amen*. That word in Jeremiah 29:11...

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Yahweh, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

To give you a determined end. Brothers and sisters, how, in the name of God, could you have an expected end if it's up to you how your life is going to end? *Isn't that the sin of Satan?* What's that? *Pride*. Absolutely, that's what it boils down to. We put ourself and we determine...*brother my life is determined by my choices*. You're right. But I know a God who is good at coercing your choices. Hallelujah. Let's read about that. Let's pick up in Romans 9:14-18.

Romans 9:14-18

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with Yahweh? Yahweh forbid.

What are we going to say about what Paul just taught us about Esau and Jacob? Right after Esau and Jacob, Paul knows he's got to deal with pride in people that say...*well that's unrighteous of God, it's unjust*. Then Paul says...what are we going to say to the Esau story, that God is unjust?

15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

We don't like that God. Why? We want to be God. We don't like the God that has the power to have mercy. What does that mean to have mercy? I will call out from a life of sin whoever I choose to call. Do you know that he's not even calling all of the Israelites, the Bible says...as many as he shall call. He's only calling a remnant.

I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion. In other words, your expected end is determined by me. And if you don't worship that kind of a God, you're worshipping the god of your imagination, and not the God of the Bible. Now let's see what Paul is going to talk about now to prove the justice of God.

16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of Yahweh that sheweth mercy.

So therefore it doesn't depend on so-and-so to decide...*I'm going to come to the Lord when I get ready*. Darling, dream on baby. No, no. You're going to come to the Lord when he calls you. Now you may come kicking and screaming, but he's going to drag you, you're getting in there, and that's why we pray for all men, that the court-draggers will go drag them all into court now before the second resurrection.

We're praying for draggers/angels to go drag them in, to "release the rest". He said it does not depend on the man! And it does not depend on you to get the

gospel to every man. That can never happen. It will never happen. He said but on every one that I've called it will happen, every one that I've shown mercy to will hear this message.

17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Take that word Pharaoh out and replace it with Hitler. I'm about to mess some people's minds up. I've got one question for you guys. I know the answer to it because I've researched it. Would there be a nation of Israel today without Adolf Hitler? *No sir*. Would anybody desired to go back to the land without Adolf Hitler? Ha! Ha! It looks so evil that God allowed that!! Not only did he allow it, he caused it! Oh help me Lord!

Why? Because whenever you said...let his blood be upon us and our children, he heard your prayer, ok? And he loves you so much that he sent a hunter after you to turn your hearts back towards home. And had it not been for Adolf Hitler, the Balfour Treaty would never have been signed, and there would be no nation of Israel today. So anytime you see that land that you all love so much, you can thank Adolf—no you can thank Yahweh. Hallelujah. Praise God. Hallelujah.

Oh if I would go to anybody and say you need to thank God for Adolf Hitler, honey they would look at me like I lost my mind. But he says of Pharaoh, who was just as evil if not more than Hitler—I raised you up. Why? That my name would be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.

18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardens.

Alright, I want to talk about free will. There's no such thing. Rather there is coerced will. There's no free will, there is coerced will. Pharaoh had been raised up to glorify God as a vessel of dishonor. But yet he was a vessel of God. But it was one of dishonor. His freewill was hardly free. God's will was higher and prior to Pharaoh's will. Before Pharaoh was even born, God had determined the purpose of his life. It was to glorify God by providing a backdrop for Moses.

Do you hear that? Moses was a vessel of honor. You cannot display a vessel of honor unless you have a vessel of dishonor that shows how beautiful the vessel of honor is! I mean, come on, let's be serious. How many of you would love Glenda the good witch of the east if you'd never seen whats-her-name, the wicked witch of the west? Ok? Yahweh has to have a backdrop.

Every one in your life that you thought was evil, they were. But it was allowed by Yahweh to bring you into this Zoom class today to prepare you for what he had for you—to turn you into a vessel of honor.

I think many times about my mother, how she forsook me at a very very young age. I was a baby. And in my mind, that was evil. In my mind, what mother could do that? If my mother could've raised me in a normal home, and if I would not have been tossed from pillar to post, I might not be so willing to follow the cloud like I do. Come on now. If I had that solid family background, I may not be able to not care what they think or say—does anybody follow me right now? Amen.

So what is my job? To look at my mother, be released from all offense, be released from all hate and hurt, and say...thank you Father that you dragged her to release me unto you. Thank you Father that she turned me over to your watch care, she wouldn't have done that on her own, you dragged her to release me unto you! Hallelujah. When you understand that, you don't hate anybody anymore, you're not upset at your enemies.

Why did Yahshua look down at those people who were crucifying him, why did he look at them and say Father go ahead and forgive them when he said they know not what they do? He was telling the truth. Their will has been coerced by you because somebody had to kill me! Those boys were born to kill Christ.

Now, we're going to run into a major problem. If all of this is true pastor there's no way that can be just. I'm going to show you where your problem was and where we solve that problem for you. Let's go read Exodus 7:3-4, 13, 22.

Exodus 7:3-4, 13, 22

3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

I'm going to harden Pharaoh's heart. I thought Pharaoh had a free will over his heart. I thought Pharaoh could decide whether to harden his heart or not. You see, Yahweh hardened my mother's heart. Do you all hear me? *Yes. Amen.* What mother can give a child away and not even check on them? Only somebody where God has hardened their hearts.

The same with Judas. The Bible says Satan entered his heart because Yahweh sent Satan to enter into his heart. Don't hate on Judas. I believe Judas is going to be in the kingdom of God. Hallelujah. Amen. We don't hate Judas. Judas was a tool in the hand of Yahweh.

He hardened Pharaoh's heart. Read verse 4.

4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

Now I want you to hear what I'm going to teach you, it's going to blow your little minds. He said...Moses go preach to Pharaoh. Now I'm not going to let Pharaoh hear what you're saying. I'm not going to let Pharaoh repent. (What??) Because I'll show you guys in a few minutes where Pharaoh tried to repent and let them go!

He was going to let them go! He was repenting! He was ready to get saved! And God wouldn't let him. You all better go read it. You all know that I didn't write this Bible. You all know that, right? All I'm doing is reading it—the same one you've got. Read verse 13.

13 And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them, as Yahweh had said.

What happened? He hardened his heart so that Pharaoh could not hear the word of God! I thought Pharaoh was in control. Read verse 22.

22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as Yahweh had said.

So, pastor Vaughn, if we want to get people saved, all we've got to do is tell them about Jesus. Ha ha. You poor child. They won't hear it! They can't hear it! I've never knocked on a door in my life and I don't plan to. Why? They can't hear you anyhow. Why? Because he didn't draw them. I can go out down this street right now, knock on twenty doors and I can get somebody to say they accept Jesus Christ as their savior. I can do that all day long. And then go to church and say... we had 22 confessions!

You ain't had nothing. You ain't got nothing. You've got two-fold more a child of hell than you were! You ain't got nothing! We don't need confessions. We don't need faith platitudes. We need people that've been dragged to God by the hand of God so they can give their all unto God! Hallelujah. Glory.

Have you ever talked to somebody and knew they weren't hearing a word you were saying about God? They were shaking their head but you knew something closed? What about when you tell them about the Sabbath day and you're showing them fifty thousand scriptures. They cannot hear you darling. Their ears are clogged because Yahweh is hardening their heart so you don't get the glory for

when they come to Christ, and you can say...*I done got thirty people saved this year*. You haven't done anything. Hallelujah. Read Exodus 8:15, 19, 32.

Exodus 8:15, 19, 32

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as Yahweh had said.

He still couldn't hear. And by the way, Moses is turning sticks into snakes. You would think the boy would hear something! I mean you walk in my door, you take a cane and turn it into a snake? I'm listening—what do you want to walk about? With Pharaoh, that didn't bother him. That's the same way when you show people the plain word of God, it doesn't bother them. You tell them how evil Halloween is—good Christians—you still can't get to them. Why? Yahweh hasn't opened their understanding yet.

Your job is not to get frustrated with them. Listen. I don't go on anyone else's Facebook page and respond to their stuff. You say what you want to. I don't go looking to spread my message. I preach it on my page. Now they jump on my page and try to correct me, but I never do that on anyone's page. Never. On my page, truth is going to get out there darling. What I'm saying is I'm not trying to convert anybody. I'm screaming truth to my followers, the people Yahweh has sent to me to lead and guide. And it offends everybody else that it's not even meant for! Because their ears are not open to the truth. Read verse 19.

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of Yahweh, and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them, as Yahweh had said.

Even his own magicians were saying...Pharaoh, this is the hand of Yahweh, you might want to pay attention. No, God wouldn't let him! What are you going to do with this kind of God? You're going to submit and say...yes sir, you're the potter, I'm the clay, I have no questions. I don't have a right to question you! Who do I think I am?! Paul said...oh wretched man that I am. Who do you think you are to question who God chooses and who he doesn't in this hour? Just rejoice that he chose you. Verse 32.

32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

Now go to Exodus 10:16, 20, 27. I'm going to show you all something interesting.

Exodus 10:16, 20, 27

16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against Yahweh your God, and against you.

Oh! What is this? Is this repentance? Yes sir it is. Pharaoh was ready to repent. He was ready to come to the altar. He was ready to sign the card. He was ready to let them go. Pharaoh in his own will is waking up saying to himself...*oh my God, I've got to let these people go.* But read verse 20.

20 But Yahweh hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

Yahweh said...*oh no boy, you're not repenting right now. No! You can't get saved yet, it's not time.* Boy people think I wrote the Bible the way you all look at me. I didn't write this Bible. This is your God that, before today, do you know what you would've told anyone? *God doesn't operate like that.* Ha! Ha! You act like you know so much about God. He's the potter, you're the dumb clay.

Your response to him is...*yes sir, however you want it.* I sing a song today...any way you want to fix it Lord, it's all right with me, any way you want to do it. I have no complaints against you. Hallelujah.

So do we have an example here of a man that Moses has finally convinced to repent? He gave him a "tract". And the man's read the tract, and in his human mind he goes...*oh ok, I'll accept Christ.* God says...*no that isn't the way I want you. I don't want you coming because you were convinced. I want you to come because it is time for you to come.* Glory hallelujah. You don't have to convince anybody. Stand still and be ready to answer their questions. Hallelujah. Read verse 27.

27 But Yahweh hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

He wanted to repent. It wasn't time. Now, we run into a problem, a big problem right here. Yahweh wouldn't let the man repent. Yahweh would not let the man do the right thing. I'll agree with you. That is the doctrine of predestination. Ok? Yahweh coerced Pharaoh's will. I'll be the first to agree with you. It seems mighty unfair because according to Christianity guess where Pharaoh is right now?

In the lake of fire. If that's where Pharaoh is according to Christianity then absolutely predestination is unjust. I'll do it again. What's wrong with predestination and freewill? They're missing the main ingredient. You are predestined, but not for your destination, but rather for which ship load you're

going to ride on to the kingdom of God. That is what you're predestinated for and what you're not predestined for! Amen.

If God hardened Pharaoh's heart and then sends him to the lake of fire without giving him a chance at the great white throne judgment to hear the gospel, then that God is a psychopath. That's why I could never believe in predestination even though I saw these scriptures.

"Those he did foreknow, he also did predestinate".

I saw that! But I also knew the nature of God. I knew he could not do that to mankind. So I could never make it line up until I came to see God's plan for the ages for all mankind.

Then all of a sudden I understand. He used Pharaoh for a purpose, he didn't choose Pharaoh to come up in the first resurrection, he chose Moses for that. He had mercy on Moses, not Pharaoh. If you're in the first resurrection, it's because he has mercy on you. But Pharaoh is coming up in the second resurrection. And he will go before the court, the judgment, where the Bible will be opened. He will hear about Yahshua. He'll see Moses standing up there at that judgment seat. I've got a good feeling that his knee's going to bow and his tongue's going to confess Yahshua is Lord. Hallelujah! Oh that we understood these things!

Let's read Romans 9:19.

Romans 9:19

Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

So here's the next question they're going to ask Paul. *Paul, then how could Yahweh find fault with us if we cannot resist his will?* Isn't that a question you've all asked before, saints? Come on now. In other words...*how could he send us to hell if we don't have free will to resist his will?* Paul is answering these questions for you so beautifully. Read Romans 8:29-30.

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.

There's your predestination. There are a people predestinated to be conformed to the image of the son of Yahweh. Those are not 30-fold people. Those are not saved people. Those are the election. Those are the predestined 144,000. The

only thing that's predestinated is not your destiny, it's your condition of how you will arrive at your destiny. There are some predestined to be changed into the very duplication of Yahshua, the brothers of Christ. You're not predestinated to hell. Paul tells you what you're predestined to. Read it again.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate...

Hold on. He did predestinate to go to hell or heaven? No. But that's what we thought it was saying. He did predestinate you to what?

...to be conformed to the image of the son of Yahweh.

There are a group of people in the earth today, they are predestined. They have been devoted unto destruction, they have literally been set aside to be martyred and killed, their head cut off, their thinking changed. They have literally been predestined to become the duplicates of their elder brother!

Not every Christian. Why do you think some of your Christian friends cannot get your message about Halloween? They're not being conformed darling. Do you get it now? They've not been predestinated to be conformed. There is a group of people that are being changed. I wish you could hear what I'm trying to tell you.

How many in this room can say they're being changed? I want to see your hand. Did you choose to be changed? Ha, ha, ha! No. Were you trying to get all your family to hate you...all the church you came out of? Were you trying to do that? No. Were you trying to come out of Babylon? No. You were PREDESTINATED to do it.

And you've got to quit trying to impose your will on the other Christians that—look sister when you talk to them it's like a child who's ignoring you. You know they're ignoring you but they're shaking their head. But you know. The Christian church cannot hear. You've got to quit getting frustrated about that. You've got to quit letting that upset you. You've got to simply know that if Yahweh is dragging them they're going to give it all up. They're going to give every bit of it up once he starts dragging them.

Look, here's what you're all trying to do. All of you are. He's dragging you all, and you all are pointing to the people you think he ought to be dragging right along with you. *But what about them? Get them too, what about them?* Ha, ha, ha! Just let him drag you, alright? Quit kicking and screaming. Stand still and just let him drag you, ok? He'll get to them when he gets to them. He doesn't need you to do that. Amen?

He's hardening their hearts pastor? Yes ma'am. Absolutely. Why? They're not predestined. If they are predestined, then your prayers will cause him to drag them. But we know that the predestination is for the transformation. I'm not going to lie to you. I read predestination in my Bible all my life and I heard the Calvinistic arguments. And they made sense.

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.

Alright, I'm going to call someone. Sister, that verse we just read—according to that verse, is anyone being called who is not predestined? *No*. So what do you do when a preacher tells you...*God's calling everybody you know*. No. No. He's calling the predestined, he doesn't call everybody in this hour. He's going to call them in the next hour, the next day of salvation. But today is the day for the first harvest.

Let's go read Romans 9:20-23. I'm running out of time quickly and I've not even started on this lesson today.

Romans 9:20-23

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that replies against Yahweh?

Ok, what is Paul referring to? He's referring to verse 19. Remember in verse 19, you and I are talking back to Paul saying...*Then how can he find fault with us if we cannot resist his will?* This is Paul's answer. Read.

Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?

22 What if Yahweh, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory.

Right there in those verses are some powerful revelation. Here's what he's saying...*Shut up. Get your pride out of the way. Submit. Thank him that he called you and pray for him to call others. But in the meantime, when you see*

those people that are celebrating these things of evil, as you look at them, it should make you that much more thankful that you are a vessel of honor and a vessel of mercy. It's not for you to look at them and say how horrible they are, but it's to say how thankful you are that the Father, for whatever reason, predestined you to walk down a different path. Amen?

And Paul is begging us today to let our pride go. Let's read Romans 8:18-21.

Romans 8:18-21

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of Yahweh.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of Yahweh.

Alright. Write this in your notes. I'm ready to give you the true meaning of predestination. The Biblical meaning.

Predestination is not predetermining who will be saved or who will be lost. It is determining who will be saved first and who will be saved later. That is Biblical predestination.

Anything else, and you have an unjust God. The Baptist believe in predestination. They believe this person is predestined to go to the lake of fire. Folks, that could never be a just God. But if it's not about hell anymore, if it's not about burning and boiling, all of a sudden predestination becomes cool. Why? Because every good movie has to have a few bad guys in it, doesn't it?

I mean, come one. This is a big movie, God wrote the movie, he's producing the movie. There's got to be some folks bad. Why? So that he can bring forth the good. Romans 8:28.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love Yahweh, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

I want to tell you a story that will make that verse so powerful for you. Ok, I want you to listen to this story. According to that verse, everything is working towards the purposes of Yahweh, alright?

So there was this king in Africa. He had a very close friend he grew up with. And that friend went with the king anywhere he went—almost to the bathroom. That friend went wherever the king went. Now this friend of the king was very positive about life. Anything that would happen, his response would be...*this is good!* About everything.

So one day the king and his friend were out hunting for lions or whatever in Africa. The friend would load the king's gun so he could shoot the elephants or whatever he was shooting. Well, on this particular day, that friend loaded the gun and handed it to the king. But the friend did not load it correctly. When he shot the gun it blew his thumb off. So his thumb is missing.

He turns to his best friend with this look on his face. And the friend says...*this is good!* The king said...*no this is not good.* So he put the friend in jail for one year for his negligence towards the king. About a year later, the king was in an area of Africa that was not real safe and some cannibals captured the king and everyone who was with him. They took them to their village and they were getting ready to kill the king and eat the king when they noticed his thumb is missing.

Well it is against cannibalistic law to eat an imperfect human. So, what do they do? They let the king go. And the king runs back to the jail and says...*you were right! It was good that my thumb got blown off.* And then the king apologizes to his friend for putting him in jail. The friend said...*no, this is good!* And the king said...*no, that's not good.* He said...*it's very good—if I would have been with you, I would have died. It was good that I was in jail!*

Amen? You have to know that all things are working together to an expected end in your life. You have to know that and believe that. Let's read Ephesians 1:4-6.

Ephesians 1:4-6

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

Now when did he choose us? When did he choose the elected, the elect? He chose us at the same time that he created Yahshua (in his mind). We were in the plan, we were in the Logos. John 1:1. In the beginning was the plan of God. The plan was with God, the plan belonged to God. And everything that was created was created from that plan. And you, beloved, yes you, were in that plan before he

ever laid the foundation of the world. The elect were in that plan. Now you need to know what you were elected for. Read.

...that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

You were not elected to go to heaven or to go to hell. You see, that's the problem with predestination. The verse does not say that he chose you to go to heaven or go to hell. No, no, no. He chose you to become holy and blameless, a commandment-keeper. He chose you to walk different than the 30-fold believer walks. He chose you to walk in love—love of God. If you love me, keep my commandments. He chose you to love him with a love that would keep his commandments.

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Yahshua Messiah to himself...

So he didn't predestinate us to hell or heaven. No. He predestined us to what? Huiiothesia, to full sonship. Hallelujah, my God! He predestined the elect not to much immature children that's the 30-fold, but there is a group of people who he predestined you to maturity so that you could be adopted in the first resurrection. It's right there you all. It's right there in your Bible why he predestined you.

...according to the good pleasure of his will.

Oh, it's all in his will and it's all for his pleasure.

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Now why did he save us first? Why is he electing us first? Now we're getting to the truth of predestination. Listen brothers and sisters. His will was to save you first because he needed you to bring the nations to Christ in the millennial reign. You are going to be the governors of planet earth. My God, if people would only grasp that.

Everyone cannot be predestined to be in the government. Why? Everyone is not needed in the government. You know, we have a large nation here, but we have a small government that rules a large nation. We don't need everybody in the government. He just needs a few thereby that find it, a little flock. And that's why he's not predestined everyone for this calling. He doesn't need everyone for this calling. Is that making sense to any of you? He's just calling the government. Those who will teach the world how not to keep Halloween. Those who will teach the world to keep Tabernacles.

I want to say this to all of you. If you're not keeping the three annual feasts of Yahweh: Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles, you will never be in that government because he predestined you to do that now so that you could teach them later. If you've not already made your plans for Passover, you're not in the elect. Unless you cannot. So please I shouldn't have to say that every time. I get it. But for the rest of you, if you've not already planned for Pentecost and Tabernacles, you are not in—you're not government material. Unless there's no negotiation with you, with these things, if there's any room for negotiation, you're not fit for the kingdom of God.

But for those he is dragging here, he's going to transform you into these perfect vessels. Read 2 Timothy 1:9.

2 Timothy 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Messiah Yahshua before the world began.

I want to say this to everyone in this room right now. If you only knew how special (and I'll use the word special) you are. You're not like other believers. You are no better than other believers and they are no worse than you. Do you understand that? You're all the children of Yahweh. He loves you all. A teacher loves every student in her class, does she not? But have you ever heard of a teacher's pet?

Do you know why? Because only that pet is infatuated with the teacher. Amen. The Father is calling you to be the teacher's pet. That doesn't make you better than anybody, but you have a love for him that they don't have. That's all it is folks. And he gave you that love and he's conforming you to that love.

Before I go, I want to read six scriptures that's going to show you how you're not in control of the fact that you're here today Matthew 11:27, 2 Timothy 2:25.

Matthew 11:27

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knows the Son, but the Father; neither knows any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Oh God, I hope you read that. I hope somebody got that. No man can know the Father except if the son decides to reveal the Father to him. Did you all know your Bible said that? Sometimes I read these scriptures and I think...are we really reading them, are we really seeing what it says? No man can know the Father. It didn't say "unless you choose the son" — no, no, no. It says...except the son

chooses to reveal the Father to you. If you're here today, he chose you. Yahshua is revealing your Father to you through his word. What special people you are.

2 Timothy 2:25 and then Romans 2:4. Then John 6:37.

2 Timothy 2:25

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if Yahweh peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.

Did anybody read it? Gentle correction for those who are in opposition to him that Yahweh may grant them the ability to repent and then to lead them to the knowledge of the truth. How does he do it? With gentle corrections dragging you. He has to drag you brother with correction. What powerful verses of scripture.

Romans 2:4

Or despise thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering, not knowing that the goodness of Yahweh leads thee to repentance?

It just called the whippings of God the goodness of God. Did you all see that? Did anybody even see that? Those corrections are the goodness of God. When I went to prison that was the goodness of God. Why? That was my gentle correction leading me to repentance and leading me to the acknowledgment of God.

John 6:37

All that the Father gives me shall come to me...

Why? Because they're going to be dragged.

...and him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out.

Let's reverse-engineer that verse. Unless the Father calls them, they cannot come to me. That's what it says. All that the Father gives me will come to me. What does that mean? If you've been predestined and elected, you are coming darling. You are coming if he's got to drag your behind all the way. You are coming.

I love what he says. All that the Father has given me—no one will snatch them out of my hand. They can't get out no matter how much they think they want to. They're mine, and I don't share my marbles! They're mine! I will keep them. That's why I tell people...anyone that leaves the truth was never in the truth. Anyone who can leave the message was never in the message because once you come darling, baby you have drunk the Kool-aid, you are all the way in. There is

no going back for you. Oh you can try. Go on out there and try and tell me how it turns out for you. Hallelujah? John 1:13 and I'm done.

John 1:13

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Yahweh.

So how are you born in the Spirit? Not by the will of flesh or even the will of man. You are only accepted by the will of Yahweh. Amen.

Thank you for joining me today. I love every one of you. May Yahweh bless you and keep you is my prayer. Shabbat Shalom everybody.

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