



Has God Chosen You?

Ephesians 1:4-6, 9-11(NIV): For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves... he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will."

Series statement: A deep and meaningful relationship with God is rooted in our willingness to get uncomfortable.

"By predestination we mean the eternal decree of God, by which He determined in Himself whatever He wished to happen with regard to every man. All are not created on equal terms, but some are preordained to eternal life, others to eternal damnation."(Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book 3, Chapter 21, Section 5)

What does it mean to be chosen?

The gods of the Enuma Elish: Power hungry, Violent, Selfish, Destructive, Transactional, Angry, Divisive, Played Favorites for Selfish Reason

Deuteronomy 7:6(NIV): "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession."

Deuteronomy 10:15, 17, 18(NIV): "Yet the Lord set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today... For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing."

Acts 10:34(NIV): "Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism.'"

Ephesians 6:9(NIV): "...there is no favoritism with him."

What's the BIG IDEA?

Chosen before creation
Holy
Predestined
Sonship
Glorious Grace

Exodus 19:5,6(NIV): "... you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

1 Peter 2:9(NIV): "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Exodus 4:22, 23(NIV): "Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.'"

Colossians 1:15(NIV): "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

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Isaiah 55:8,9(NIV): "'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'"

John 14:6(NIV): "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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Proverbs 16:25(ERV): "There is a way that seems right to people, but that way leads only to death."

What is Judgement Day?

Nehemiah 8:9-12(NLT): "Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting for the people said to them, 'Don't mourn or weep on such a day as this! For today is a sacred day before the Lord your God.' For the people had all been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. And Nehemiah continued, 'Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a sacred day before our Lord. Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!' And the Levites, too, quieted the people, telling them, 'Hush! Don't weep! For this is a sacred day.' 12 So the people went away to eat and drink at a festive meal, to share gifts of food, and to celebrate with great joy because they had heard God's words and understood them."

All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.