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God is sovereign in Election pt4
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This morning we want to take the arguments away from the false teachers who do not believe in the sovereignty of God. Who teach as their basis that man is given free moral agency and that all can be saved.

To do so we must now consider a number of passages that are often quoted with the purpose of showing that God has not fitted certain vessels to destruction or ordained them to condemnation.

First, we cite **Ezekiel 18:31** — "**Why will ye die, O house of Israel?**"

Furthermore, we read in **Matthew 25:41** which says *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.*

This verse is often quoted to show that God has not fitted certain vessels to destruction. In other words, the words ...when they read "**Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels.**"

This is, one of the principal verses relied upon to try and disprove the doctrine of Reprobation. But we submit that the emphatic word here is not "**for**" but "**Devil.**"

This verse sets forth the severity of the judgment which awaits the lost. In other words, the above scripture expresses the awfulness of the fire that awaits the lost rather than the subjects ordained of it.

If the fire be "**prepared for the Devil and his angels**" then how intolerable it will be! If the place of this torment into which the damned shall be cast is the same as that in which God's arch-enemy will suffer, how dreadful must that place be!

Again: if God has chosen only certain ones to salvation, why are we told in **Acts 17:3** that God "**now commandeth all men everywhere to repent**"?

That God commandeth "*all men*" to repent is but the enforcing of his righteous claims as the moral Governor of the world. How could he do less, seeing that all men everywhere have sinned against him? Do you expect only that the righteous should be asked to repent?

Furthermore; that God commandeth all men everywhere to repent argues the universality of every creature's responsibility. But this scripture does not suggest that it is God's pleasure to "*give repentance*" to all men everywhere. It simply says they should repent. But will they?

Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

The apostle Paul does not believe God gave repentance to every soul, for it is clear from his words in **2 Timothy 2:25** — "*In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.*"

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will"

The **Amplified** Bible puts it this way: **25** *The Lord's servant must gently teach by instructing and correcting those who disagree with what you teach.*

Then God will perhaps change their minds and grant them repentance so they can accept what you say leading to knowledge of the truth.

Now do you think the devil's seed can ever undo the law of life and get past being his seed? I don't think so, so he is talking to fallen sons living in sin.

But sons of God who have been taught the scriptures wrongly, if given the proper chance, will hear the truth, repent, and adopt to their son of God calling.

Again, we are asked, if God has "*ordained*" only certain ones unto eternal life, then why do we read that He, **1 Timothy 2:4** "*who will have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth*"?

The reply is, that the words "*all*" and "*all men*", like the term "*world*", are often used in a general and relative sense.

Mark 1:5 *And there went out unto him **all** the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were **all** baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.*

Now, anyone who can read this and think this means "everyone" in the land of Judea which was around 2 million people plus the people of Jerusalem, and every one of them was baptized, would have to be crazy.

John 6:45, *It is written in the prophets, And they shall be **all** taught of God. Do you think that all will hear the gospel? No, So he qualifies the **all** with, "Every man therefore that hath heard,*

*(And we know "**to hear**," Brother Branham said, is "**to understand**". And so everyone who understands and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.*

So what this actually says is that all who understand and learn of the Father will come to me, he says.

Again we see in **John 8:2** *And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and **all** the people came unto him, and he sat down, and taught them.*

Now, do we read this as though all the people came to the temple, or those people (even though it may have been just a handful that were present) sat down to listen to Him? So the word "*all*" is very specific here and not to be used universally as everyone.

In other words, it does not mean that all came to him. But it means that those who did come to him, all of them listened to him, while he taught them.

It is no different than the **“He”** in **“He that believeth”**. Your mind would tell you that is one person, yet **19** languages translate this as **“Whosoever”**. In fact, I have shown you where Brother Branham himself in one paragraph showed you what that **“he”** is, saying the following:

In **59-0628E "Questions And Answers" 172 88b**. Brother Branham reads a question that says... *“Brother Branham,... **Can any man do the works of Christ unless he was Christ? That's what it is, "Unless he was Christ?" Sure.** Let's take Saint **John**, just a minute.*

***Saint John the 14th** chapter and I want you to look at this, now, if you can catch it right quick, Saint **John 14:12**, I believe it is. We'll get it right quick, and look what Jesus said about this.*

*All right, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He**," **"whoever it is"**, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." **Any man**, The man himself can't be Christ, **but the works of Christ will follow every believer.** See?*

He'll do the works of Christ in any man.** "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do, he shall do." Not, **"I shall do," "he shall do, he shall," not, "I."

*"But he believes in Me and has confessed his faith in Me and **died out to himself** and **My Spirit dwells in him and he becomes a part of Me.**" Now **that don't make him Christ.***

It makes him part of Christ with the rest of the Church. All right. He is not Christ, because that would be anti-Christ, you see.

*He would be taking away from Christ. But **he can be, do the works of Christ, any believer.** All right.*

*Notice he says in multiple ways that the **"he"** in **John 14:12** refers to (1) **whosoever it is**. And in (2) in **any man**. And (3) in **every believer**. And again (4) in **any man**. And (5) in **any believer**, etc.*

*Now this is the explanation for the question concerning **John 14:12** that a Vindicated prophet of God gave.*

*Again we see **Acts 21:28** "Crying out, Men of Israel, help: **This is the man, that teacheth all men every where** against the people, and the law, and*

this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.”

Now, do you really believe that this man taught every person everywhere or place? If you heard someone say that wouldn't you think that man might be a little touched?

Especially when a mere thousands of people even heard him when the population of Israel was well over a million people, well over multi-millions of people.

Roman historian Tacitus estimated the population of Jerusalem at the time of the Jewish wars to be 600,000. But Josephus says over 1.1 million Israelites were killed during those same wars.

So the number is in the millions of people living in the entire region that Jesus covered during His ministry.

But the gospel only states that of all that were in the region, it only records thousands twice; 4,000 in Matthew and 5,000 in John. And then small groups most of the time and even individuals.

Acts 22:15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

So did the apostle Paul have an international ministry where he was able to teach every man in the world? I don't think so.

So we ask the question. Did the apostle Paul actually fulfill this prophecy and preach to “**all**” men? Or does the word “**all**” suggest many men scattered over a very large region?

Jesus said, “**Go forth into all the world and teach the Gospel.**” Our website has gone into 190 countries that we know of, maybe a few more, but this by no means says that everyone in those countries has viewed it. And it does not mean that it fulfills every nation as Jesus commanded us to do.

It could have something to do with His command, but I believe the voice of God goes into as many countries as well.

Again we see the same language used in **2 Corinthians 3:2** *Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of **all men.***

So Paul is not saying you are written epistles to every man on earth, but of those your life witness to, you are a written epistle to everyone or all you come in contact with.

Thus **1 Timothy 2:4** cannot teach that God wills the salvation of **all mankind**, or otherwise **all mankind** would be saved.

Again; we ask the question, Doesn't the Scriptures declare, again and again, that God is no "**respector of persons**"? We answer, It certainly does, and God's electing grace proves it.

The seven sons of Jesse, though older and physically superior to David, are passed by, while the young shepherd boy is exalted to Israel's throne.

The scribes and lawyers pass unnoticed, and ignorant fishermen are chosen to be the apostles of the Lamb. Divine truth is hidden from the wise and prudent and is revealed to babes such as will learn.

The great majority of the wise and noble are ignored, while the weak, the base, and the despised, are called and saved.

Harlots and publicans are sweetly compelled to come into the gospel feast, while self-righteous Pharisees are suffered to perish in their immaculate morality.

The Doctrine of Reprobation might be a "**hard saying**" to the carnal mind. But is readily acknowledged, yet, it is easier to believe than those who preach an eternal punishment.

After all, how can you receive eternal punishment if you are eventually destroyed? You would have to possess eternal life to eternally suffer.

I mean you cannot receive eternal punishment without first having eternal life. So how could they be punished for an eternity? Yet they still preach that.

So the doctrine of God's sovereignty in reprobation is clearly taught in Scripture and we have demonstrated that. Let people believe what they wish but we stand with only the Word of God, as taught by our vindicated prophet William Branham.

Jesus said in **Luke 24:25** "**O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken**".

They are fools because they are slow of heart, which means they are slow to understand. He said they are "**slow to understand**", but eventually, they got it right.

Jesus said, "**You will know the truth and the truth shall make you free.**"

And so eventually those two men on their way to Emmaus were made free by the truth. And I hope that you have been made free by the truth as well. "**Predestination**" is by the will of God, over which He has no outside influence. It is that which he has determined in himself. What he would have to become of every individual that was in His thinking, to begin with.

But men are not all created with a similar destiny: so eternal life is foreordained for some, and damnation for others who were not in the original creation.

Every man, therefore, being created for one or the other of these ends, we say, he is predestinated either to life or to death".

As we say, "Eternal Election, and Predestination for some to Salvation and of Others to Destruction."

Martin Luther in his work "**De Servo Arbitrio**" (**of the Servant Choice**), wrote: "*All things whatsoever arise from, and depend upon, the divine*

appointments. Whereby it was preordained who should receive the Word of Life, and who should disbelieve it."

"Who should be delivered from their sins, and who should be hardened in them, who should be justified and who should be condemned."

"This is the very truth which levels to the ground the doctrine of free will from its foundations That is, that God's eternal love of some men and hatred of others is immutable and cannot be reversed."

God keeps His Word 57-0115 P:72 *And the hour is here, brother, when... "As Jambres and Jannes withstood Moses, so will they, men of reprobate mind, concerning the truth, who was foreordained of old to this condemnation," says the Bible.*

They could not believe. And they will not believe. *The Bible said that in this day that we're living now, that **men from old was ordained to be condemned, who turned the grace of our God into lasciviousness.***

*Do you see what I mean? **Jude 4th** verse. Read and see if that isn't so. Now, "**men of old foreordained to this con**"... **How can they believe when the Bible has done said they can't believe?***

*How can we stop all that nonsense that's going on around in the land? **How can we do it when God said it would be?** Well, then you say, "Which is right and wrong?" Like Micaiah was, with the Bible.*

A true Spirit of God will move right with the Word, for **He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

Jehovah Jireh 57-0612 P:65 *Why was it some of you kept your your hands down? "**Though one would raise from the dead, yet would you not believe?**" That's what Jesus said, **Luke 16.***

*Yes, **no matter what would take place, there's people in the world that were born not to believe.** The Bible said, "**They were ordained of old to this condemnation.**"*

Jude says **"Men of old ordained to this condemnation not to believe."** No matter what you'd do, they wouldn't believe it anyhow. Pharaoh was raised up for this same purpose.

Aren't you happy tonight, that God's tendered your heart to look to Calvary and believe?

Condemnation by representation 60-1113 P:80 How do we have condemnation? Because of hybreeding, breeding in the world with the things of God. That's how we have it.

Now, how do we ever get away from that hybreeding? Turn away from that interbred stuff. Come back to this, to God's Word being Truth. Every man's word a lie; what God said is true. Stay right with that.

It breeds you right back again into this. There's a way made. One's standing at the throne of God this morning to represent you. Your father and mother represented you as Adam and Eve. That's right.

When you were born in the world... Holy wedlock; it was ordained of God to bring children. Now, you're right back to the same spot you were in the garden of Eden like Adam and Eve, you sons and daughters of God.

Thirsting for life 57-0728 P:73 A man told me not long ago, he said, "Mr. Branham, I don't care what you would do or say, I don't believe it." I said, "**It wasn't given to unbelievers.**

It was only given to them that believe." It's not for unbelievers. They'll perish. I don't know... Of course, all of you know this, that I'm strictly a Calvinist. **I believe that men are ordained to Eternal Life, and some are ordained to condemnation according to God's Word.**

The Bible said, "**men of old were predestinated to this condemnation, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness.**" That's right. And if you... God's not willing that any should perish now.

But to be God, He knew from the very beginning who would be saved and who wouldn't be saved. If He didn't, He wasn't God. He's an infinite, eternal God.

And that is why if you were not in the mind then, you can't be in his mind ever. God can't change.

God who is rich in mercy 65-0119 P:18 *I'm only saying this, not to mix up doctrine, but to straighten it out, that we might get away from this fear and scare: **you don't know who you are.***

*You are not going to be, but **now you are the sons of God.** See, **you always were the sons of God.** See? For when God had you in His thinking at the beginning, you have to be, some part of you, your Life that's in you now, had to be with God before there...*

*Well, when before you even become material here on earth, before there was anything, but God, **you were one of His attributes. He knew what your name would be. He knew the color of hair you'd have. He knew all about you.***

Lean not unto thy own understanding 65-0120 P:9 *So you see, **if you were in the foreknowledge of God, then you are becoming a part of God.***

*And **the only way you can be a son of God or a daughter of God, you had to be a part of God, and God isn't complete without you. Has to be.***

*That's right, 'cause there is One, **only one resource of Eternal Life, and that is God, and Him alone has Eternal Life.** See?*

***Now, and you were a part of Him, insomuch that you're an attribute, or in His thinking in the beginning.** And that, because He thought of you in the beginning, it gives that little tug towards Him.*

***That's what has to be quickened. Some of them will never be quickened; they just don't have it; that's all.** Just like if you would put a grain of corn in the ground, didn't have...*

*Ever how pretty it was, **if it didn't have the germ of life in it, it can never be quickened.** But the germ of life has to be there first.*

And if you had no representation then back in his mind, you will never ever have it.

Proving His Word 64-0816 P:92 *There stood priests there, said, "This man's Beelzebub." See, **no representation. Eternal Life, "you always was."** See, you have Eternal Life, there's only one form of it; that's God.*

***You were His attribute, He thought of you and knowed you before the foundation of the world in His mind.** See? She looked around. Look what a sinful shape she was in.*

*But, see, He couldn't get that priest, because the priest was a educated scholar, a theologian in the Word, but **no representation in heaven (See?), wasn't in God's thinking at all.***

*But this woman was. She said, "**Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.**" That's just all He wanted her to see. See? Said, "**I believe You're a prophet. Now, we know. We don't understand about the prophets now, because it's real late; we know that there's a Messiah coming.***

*And when that Messiah comes, He's going to be the Word. See? He's going to know the secrets of the heart; He's going to do the same thing that You did there." Said, "**You must be one of His prophets to forerun Him or something.**" He said, "**I'm He.**"*

Future home 64-0802 P:70 *But this little woman had nothing to present; **she was as filthy and dirty as she could be.** But notice, way down in her **she's got representation...?...***

*And then, she was looking for this to be made flesh, and when He said, "**Go, get your husband and come here.**" She said, "**Sir, I have none.**" Said, "**You said the truth, 'cause you got five, and the one you have now is not yours. You've had five; that makes six you have.**" She said, "**Sir...**" not... You're not Beelzebub." No. "**I perceive that You are a Prophet. Now, we know the Messiah, which is called Christ will come; and when He does, He will do this.**" He said, "**I'm He.**"*

***No more doubt. He didn't have to explain it. She saw it; she believed it; and away she went.** Why? What did It do to her? **It redeemed her.** Now watch, He came to be a Redeemer. Is that right?*

What does redeem mean? **bring back**. Why didn't He get the priest? **He never was up there**. See? **He had no representation**. He came to redeem that which had fallen.

In the fall this got messed up of that girl, but God had her in His thinking before the foundation of the world, and He come to cleanse her. Then He has to have Eternal Life. See?

Future home 64-0802 P:78 Oh, make known by His prophets all of His manifestations, because **it's His attributes of His thoughts expressed. Now, here it was in this little woman; she was one of His attributes.**

See? And there was a priest representing the Light: he had learned it from the Bible; he had learned that God was God; he had learned that holiness was right; he was learned that there was a law of God;

he'd learned it because of intellectual conception. And he was born of the right lineage: he was a Levite; but he only knew it by intellectual conception. And when the Light of the hour...

See, he learned it by what had happened; **not what was happening**, what had happened. And when he found what was happening, his denomination said nothing about it; therefore, **he had no representation of it.**

But here was a Redeemer on earth at that time to redeem **those attributes of God**, and she received it.

Future home 64-0802 P:69 Now this little woman, her first life up here, she was a prostitute. She was all marred up, but way down in her here was just a little bit of understanding: "**I know when the Messiah cometh...**" See?

That was there. Notice, when Jesus came and manifested the Word, because **the Word discerned the thoughts that was in the heart** (as **Hebrews 4** says It will, **4:12**, that He would)...

The Word was a discerner of the thoughts of the heart, and He came as the Son of man, the Prophet. What happened?

*This priest with only intellectual learning said, "It's a devil," because that's what his denomination called it. What did it do? **He had no representation**, so it blacked him out.*

Future home 64-0802 P:125 *Now, you say, "Well, look at this priest; wasn't he a son of God?" It proved he wasn't; he couldn't recognize what? Did he say, "I believe the Bible?"*

*Sure, but **he couldn't recognize the expressed Word of the hour**. He only had an intellectual learning from some group that'd been back before him. And it's the same thing today. See?*

*I know that's strong but it's the Truth. There was the Word, as spoken exactly for that day, and he... Yet he was a scholar; yet, he was a renown person, but **he could not recognize it. Why?***

*No matter how scholarly he was, anything like that, **he still didn't have representation of predestination**. See? **Only the predestinated will only be the one that does it. Only can be.***

*And you only can do it because look; **it proves predestination**, 'cause **if you've got Eternal Life, you had to be a part of God all times** 'cause He's the only One that's eternal. You see it? Oh, my. Think of it. Now, watch what happens through the great millennium.*

And what will happen in the millennium, well, when the entire world is raised up and judged, those who were not in the representation of God in the beginning will turn on God, and the encampment of God showing they never were a part of Him to begin with.

It's not fake until you make it, you either had representation to begin with or you never will have it. "They went out from us because they were not of us." They weren't of us in the mind of God back then and they certainly are not then.

That is why when men can't take this Word that we preach and go out from among us, I don't get angry at them I just feel sorry for them that they can't see this truth. They weren't ordained to it. Can I blame them, no, they just aren't made to see it and receive it.

So what do all these quotes have in common, I will tell you. If you had no representation back in the mind of God at the beginning then you will never have it.

No representation at the beginning means no representation at the end. That's the Doctrine of the Sovereignty of God in reprobation in a nutshell.

Romans 11:33-36. *"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord?*

or who hath been his counsellor? or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever, Amen".

"**Of him**" tells us his will is the origin of all existence; "**through**" or "**by him**" He is the Creator and Controller of all; "**to Him**" means all things promote his glory in their final end.

49B *Now, by unbelief in all of God's Word has brought the seed of unholiness in Satan's Eden. We are now entering in where Satan is taking the throne as the antichrist in a Eden of this earth, an Eden of sin, perverted religion.*

*He started, not upon: "**I am Satan. I am the great angel.**" No, not upon that, but **upon perverting God's Word. And that's how he's brought his kingdom in every age.***

And now in this great deceitful age, ready to take his throne by his people. He's built himself an intellectual, educated, scientific Eden. Right.

Scientific preachers, scientific church, scientific theology--everything is scientific. Everything's on basis of knowledge. The whole church is built upon knowledge. It ain't built upon faith.

And since it is not built upon God's Word it is because they never were part of God's thinking to begin with.

50 *One time I went in to hold a meeting to a man's church. It was a great auditorium in the west. A fine man, and **he denied these things that we're talking about.** (what was it? no representation at the beginning) Yet, I liked him, fine man, an old man.*

When his congregation went out, It seated about six thousand people. When his congregation went out in the afternoon service (about fifteen hundred), they were all fine dressed intellectuals I set there and watched them.

He preached a very good sermon, the man did. And then he asked if anybody wanted to accept Christ, just to raise up their hand. And no one raised up their hand. Till finally a woman raised up her hand.

He said, "All right, now you're a Christian," and made her for baptism. And then he went out, he dedicated a baby (kissed a little baby), and made a prayer over it, and dismissed the audience.

Now his sermon might have been a very good sermon, really charged with emotion and fine homiletics, but there was no life to it because there was no representation at the beginning. Aren't we grateful for God's total sovereignty in the affairs of the sons of God?

Let us pray.