

Unveiling of God no 86

Two Vines - Twins - Definitions (Words have meanings)

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In our series on the Unveiling of God we began another mini-series on Twins when reading paragraphs 99-102 of brother Branham's sermon The Unveiling of God. Since I do not wish to repeat here this morning We will not go back and read them again, but in order to understand the subject of Twins, we must first understand the difference between ***Foreknowledge, Election*** and ***Predestination***.

Many people today, especially the Fundamentalist and Evangelical differ greatly on exactly what ***Election*** and ***predestination*** are all about. The main issue however, has not been whether God ***predestinates*** or not, as much as the issue of ***choice***, or rather whose ***choice***.

Men want so bad to be in control of their own lives that they have placed free moral agency as the ultimate in a man's experience with God. Men, it seems, would rather have the ability to choose God, than allow God to do the choosing Himself.

Thus, men will try to explain away ***Election*** by using the word ***Foreknowledge*** of God, as their excuse to place man's ability to choose above God's Own choice.

The Apostle Paul taught is in **Romans 11:33** ¶ *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! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

Even brother Branham knowing how much men hate the word predestination said that He would use the word Foreknowledge instead to keep people from fussing after he preached on the subject. And he also said that is why he did not teach doctrine outside his own church. But the order is Foreknowledge because God is omniscient, then being omniscient, he chose or elected some to Glory and others were ordained to condemnation. That is what the Scripture tells us. Then after choosing or electing, he predetermines or predestines our path to make sure all things work together for the good.

When he said every seed after its kind, he meant it. You cannot start out a cocklebur and end up a son of God. You cannot start out a pig and end up a human. So when you hear brother Branham substitute the word foreknowledge for the word predestinate, just remember these are two different words and they mean two different things.

Where I think pentecost failed 55-1111 P:28 *But if we'd only go back to find out when God made His first man, He made man in His Own image. And God is a Spirit, so He had to make spirit-man. Now, the Word is used here in the 5th verse of "**predestination**," Predestinated, it's not a very good word for an evangelist or a minister to use, because it*

kinda confuses people when you say "**predestinate**." **Predestination** looks back to **foreknowledge**; **foreknowledge** looks to **destination**. **Predestination goes back to foreknowledge; foreknowledge goes to destination**. In other words God didn't say, "Now, I'll make this man be this, and I'll make this man to be that." But in order to be God, He had to know the end from the beginning. So in order to foreknowledge that He knew, He could say, "This would happen, and that would happen," because He was God and knew where everything would be placed. And therefore, **He could ordain certain things for certain ages**. You believe that? That--that's truly Scripture.

Now, this is where the confusion comes in. People are ok with God fore-knowing, but they are opposed to God pre-determining which is exactly what Predestination actually means.

Questions and answers COD 59-1223 P:67 103 ...let's just start reading here at Ephesians the 1st chapter. Now, the first thing, I want to say this, that "**predestination**" is a bad word for a minister to use before an **untrained congregation**. See? It is. I don't use it. **Sometimes here at the church... But out in the audiences, out in the big...** Where everything's piled in from everything, I watch that word. **I always use the word foreknowledge**, because **predestination** is only **the foreknowledge of God**. God being infinite, **by foreknowledge He knew everything**, or He isn't infinite. See, see? He knew what would happen. So **by foreknowledge He could predestinate**.

Now, what did he just say here? He said that God being infinite, in other words God being omniscient, all knowing could predestinate. So God knows what He is going to predestine or predetermine the outcome of.

Look, the scripture is replete with words like predestination, predestinated, ordained etc. all the same thing, and this morning we are going to talk on these definitions because unless you understand the Bible terms you will never understand the Bible doctrine.

In this next quote William Branham tells us how it is that God could foreordain some to glory and some to condemnation. **Faith of Abraham 55-1118 P:19** And "**predestination**" is a hard word among a congregation of people, because **predestination...** Really "**foreknowledge**" is a better word. And **pre-destination** looks back to **foreknowledge**, and **foreknowledge** looks on **to destiny**.

Sure, that is because to foreknow the destiny, means you know the destiny or the outcome before it even takes place.

*That God, being infinite, in the beginning knew the end from the beginning, therefore He knew what people would do, so He could foretell what would take place, for He knew what would be. Therefore **Before Esau or Jacob, either one was born, God could say, "Esau I've hated, and Jacob I've loved,"** because **He foreknew what they could be**. He never made Esau the way he was. He wasn't willing that Esau would be that way, but Esau, by choice, God knew would take that way. So that's how He knows us today. He knows your heart. And You might be able to fool your neighbor; you might be able to fool your pastor; but you'll never be able to fool God, 'cause **He knows your heart**.*

When their eyes were opened 64-0416 P:63 Now, if I let you out on time I wouldn't have time to call a prayer line up here, although I think you got prayer cards. You don't need to be up here. God's just as great out there as He is anywhere. He, you believe He's omnipresent? Certainly He is. He's omnipresent because He's omniscient. Now, He knows about the end, because... Him being omniscient, He knows all things. So therefore, He's everywhere by being omniscient. Just like the word "predestinate." It's a bad word. I used to feel it going, and caught myself, 'cause I felt the Spirit move back. Many people don't believe in predestination. *Predestination* is a bad word. It's really *foreknowledge*. **God knows before who will and who won't.**

So therefore, He can predestinate by His foreknowledge. That's the reason He knows who will and who won't. See? You know, He's not willing that any should perish but He knows who would perish. If He wasn't, then He wasn't God.

Now, notice he keeps coming back to this: God by foreknowledge predestinates. Now, predestinate means to pre-determine the destiny. So God by Foreknowledge, being omniscient knows the destiny of everything he created. And remember he ordained some for Glory but others were of old ordained to condemnation.

Super sign 63-1129 P:5 *God knowed the end from the beginning; therefore, He could plan everything, that it would work out just to His glory.* That gives us courage to know that no matter what comes or goes, God is making everything; the clock is ticking just exactly on time.

Now, notice again you cannot get away from what he is saying here. God by omniscience knows how many times a gnat will bat its eyes, and how many fleas it takes to make a pound of tallow. So God by Foreknowledge predetermines who will be glorified and who will not accept His Doxa and thus will not be glorified.

Now, so far people will still think they have something to say in whether they make it or not as if their choice is greater than God's. But that is not a correct assertion.

From his sermon **Abraham and his seed 61-0416 P:26** *But, you see, Abraham not being nothing himself, he was called by election.* Then if Abraham was called by election then his seed after him has to be called by election. That's right. Jesus said, *"No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first. And all that the Father hath given Me, will come to Me."* That's the reason you just preach the Gospel in its plainness, yet the elected sheep of God would hear that, and catch it right quick, and they'll believe that the baptism of the Holy Ghost where others will walk away and make fun of it, because they were elected to hear it. That's all, see? So you see now, why that the Church itself is an elected pre-elected by God. Now, let me take the Word out of **I Thessalonians the 1st chapter** there were it said, **"Predestinated."** Now that's not a good word to use before people, because predestinated is a... It would be better if we used it like this: that it was by foreknowledge, God by His foreknowledge could predestinate to His own glory. See?

Manifested sons of God 60-0518 P:21 *We find out now, back in Genesis and in Revelations, Revelations 17:8, that He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.* Now, the word... Let me read the next one... *foundation of the world, that we*

*should be holy and without blame before him...Having predestinated us...I want to stop on that word of "predestinated." Now, predestinated isn't say, "I'll choose Brother Neville, and I--I--I--I won't choose Brother Beeler." That isn't it. It's the foreknowledge of God that knew which one would be right and which one wasn't right. So by foreknowledge God knowing what He was going to do, **He predestinated by His foreknowledge to make all things work together for the good to them that love God, that He might in the age that is to come, call all things together in One, which is Christ Jesus.***

Again, it is not God knowing what choice you would make, but rather God placing in you His seed so that you could make the right decision.

Faith 56-0427 P:64 *What if you were predestinated or predestined by foreknowledge to never receive Christ? You know that's so. The Bible said. "That men of old was foreordained to this condemnation to turn the grace of God into lasciviousness," **Jude the 4th verse.***

God's covenant with Abraham 56-0223 P:15 *Now, Jesus didn't come to Calvary just for a haphazard thought, "Well, I'll die up there; perhaps maybe somebody will feel sorry for me and come down and get saved." No, no, **God don't run His office like that.** You don't run your office like that. Jesus come for one specific purpose: that was to redeem those that God foreknew would be redeemed. See? Now, **God's not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance.** But in order to be God, He had to know... Now, the word "**predestinate**," as is used in **Ephesians 1:5, predestinate** there, isn't a good word. It means in speaking of **predestination** to the people sometimes leads them to think that God just predestinated you to push you through a little pipe, or something. That's not right. **Predestination looks back to foreknowledge. And foreknowledge looks to destiny.***

Hebrews Chapter 6 57-0908E P:28 *And then, Christ died to save those who God, by foreknowledge, elect to meet Him yonder without spot or wrinkle. **Before the foundation of the world He seen you in glory.** That's what the Bible said, **Ephesians** the **1st** chapter--**5th** chapter, the **1st** verse. **God predestinated by foreknowledge.** Now, if God did that, **predestinated us before the foundation of the world,** and knew every one of us by name **before the foundation of the world,** and elect us to Eternal Life, and sent Jesus Christ to redeem us, that six thousand years ago He saw us, that we might appear to His praises in glory, how can you ever be lost?*

You see here is the thing. You cannot take one of these words and use it by itself, they all work together. God being omniscient he could foreknow, and thus elect or choose and in choosing who would and who would not he then sets your path to achieving that predestined destiny.

I Corinthians 2:9 *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. **10** But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. **11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knows.*

See there's that omniscience of God knowing. Notice Paul says, man doesn't know but God knows. and then he says in the next verse,

12 *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but **the spirit which is of God; that we might know** the things that are freely given to us of God.*

Ok, so how do you know? By having God's Spirit in you, right? Yet we know that God is sovereign and gives his Spirit to whom he wishes.

Therefore we are also told that it is not a matter of your choosing to know, for we read in **John 1:4** *In him was life; and **the life was the light** of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and **the darkness comprehended it not.** 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 **That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.***

Now, not to get off the subject but I want to stop here and mention brother Darek sent me an article that said this very same thing as we just read by the apostle John. Science has recently been able to see that every time a Sperm comes in contact with an egg and the egg becomes germinated, there is a spark of light that takes at the exact moment the sperm cell penetrates the egg whether it be animal or human, there is a spark of light that brings life.

Now, we know that in the beginning God spoke and there was light, That's **Genesis 1:3** and that light was **the Logos of God**, and that **Light brought life**. It birthed the Son of God, which is **John 5:26** and **Proverbs 8:22 - 35**. I wish I had time to get into this, but those who like to study the Word will take these notes and Scriptures have a glorious time studying this out. Anyway, The light being Logos brought forth life. Light brings life.

Man that can turn on light 63-1229M P:36 *All life... So life is only by the Word of God made manifest. Life comes only by the Word of God made manifest. As long as it is just in the Book like this, it still can be questioned; but when it's made manifest, then you see the product of what It spoke of being manifested; then that is Light on the Word. See? That's what brings... The Word said so, and then when it comes to pass, that is Life in Light, **Light bringing Life**. **Light brings life**. Plant the wheat out here, it'll... You put it in a basement, cover it all over, and it'll never bring forth anything, because it can't; there's no light there. But as soon as light strikes it, then it'll bring forth life if it's a germitized seed.*

That is the same thing that science has just now proven. It took until 2014 to prove what a vindicated prophet taught us back in 1963. That's 51 years ago. How good we've had it. If science would have only accepted what that Vindicated Prophet taught us they could have saved themselves 51 years. And then brother Branham makes another outstanding statement when he says *That's the same thing it is in the Word. See, the Word is God, and when the life strikes It, it brings It, Light strikes It, it brings the Word to life again. Every age has always been that.*

And so the same way that the Logos brings life into the world still by the light striking the seed and Germinating it, so does the Glorious Light of God, the Logos of God anoints the soul of man who hears the word, recognizes it, which is the germination, and then acts upon it showing it has been quickened to life.

Uncertain sound 60-1218 P:20 *And yet, the man, somewhere down in him, somewhere in him, if he could only let that little... As I illustrated it, like a button. When a man's saved, that much of him is God. That's the little Light that comes in to make him quit doing what's wrong. Now, if you can take all the malice, and envy, and strife, and unbelief out, that little button-like of the Light and power of God will keep growing, growing, growing, growing, crowding out unbelief. And you don't do it by exhortations of bodily exercise. You do it by a sanctified, consecrated Life, that the Holy Spirit moves through you.*

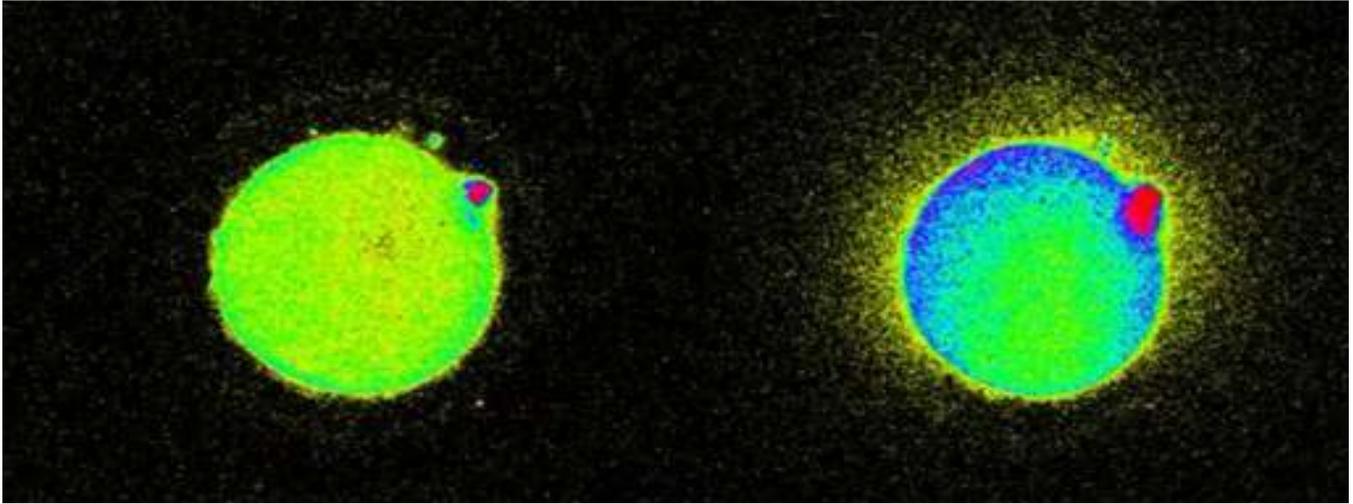
Why 61-0128 P:79 *Now to you people that wanted to renew the joy of your salvation, and to you that... Somewhere you've lost joy. Think back what you did. Did you neglect prayer meeting? Neglect reading the Bible? Neglected praying at your home, asking the blessing at the table? Don't never do that. Oh, my! That's so, that's so unbecoming to Christians. No matter where you are, bow your head and pray. Don't be ashamed of Him. Pray anywhere, see. And if ever where you left that joy, that whatever weeded it out, what little root of bitterness come in...**Remember, when a man is saved, this much... like this button here... becomes Eternal Life in your heart.** That's God. As you're able to push out all the roots of bitterness, then God begins to spread in you. **Then you become a son of God.** A man was made to be god, to be a god. Do you know that? **He's in the image of God; he's a son of God; he's like Him.** He was given a domain (**Genesis 1:26**), **dominion over the whole earth.** That's right. He ruled the earth. He ruled the animal kingdom, and all the other kingdoms--all but the Kingdom of God above. He was god; he was an amateur god. He was made in the image of God, made like God, had hands and feet like God. He was in the image of God. What happened? Because he disbelieved God's Word, it sent him right back out to shift for himself. Now God's trying to bring him back. And when you have faith, and accept Him, my brother, **just let that little Light begin to grow out, taking all the roots of doubt and bitterness, yielding yourself to the Spirit.** Then you begin to become a son of God, a daughter of God, begin to grow in the grace of God. The Holy Spirit begins to build His kingdom within you.*

Messiah the 61-0117 P:18 *Now, for instances when a man gets saved, he's just about like... **The Light that comes into him is about like this little white button on my shirt. That's when God comes into the inner part of a man.** In the inner part of a man or... A man is made up in the system of a tabernacle: in the outer courts, then holy place, and the holiest of holies; **the Shekinah glory on the inside the veil.***

Ok, so to get back to the article we see here a picture of the light bursting when the sperm penetrates the egg and there is a burst of light, energy, life and this is the point of conception. So the Light of God is still creating just like it did back in **Genesis 1:3** which made a way for **Genesis 1:11** and then **Genesis 1:26** the light coming into man. And let's

face it, every man and animal is still a creation of God by the same process of light striking the seed, the light bursting forth a living creation of God still to this day. But what is more important is when the very Life of God comes into the soul as brother Branham said in the previous quotes.

Here is the picture science has taken of the light burst at the point of conception.



Scientists Just Captured The Flash of Light That Sparks When a Sperm Meets an Egg

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For the first time ever, scientists have captured images of the flash of light that sparks at the very moment a human sperm cell makes contact with an egg.

The phenomenon has been observed in animals before, but no one's ever seen the spark of human conception. And what's even more incredible is the fact that some eggs burn brighter than others, which is a direct indication of their ability to develop into a healthy embryo, a team from Northwestern University found.

So why do sparks literally fly at the moment of conception? [Back in 2011](#), the Northwestern team discovered that sparks of zinc exploded at the point of conception in mice.

It took them a few years to figure out how to image this event, [but by 2014](#), they'd managed to film the event for the first time ever, and watched as billions of zinc atoms were released at the exact moment when a mammal's egg is pierced by a sperm cell.

Back to John 1 and we will pick up at verse **10** *He was in the world, and **the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power (exusia) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, **not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.***

So if your new birth does not come by an act of your flesh, nor the will of man, but of God, then it is not what you chose but what God chose, for He is sovereign in His choosing.

13 *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

Now, next week we will get more into these definitions of Foreknowledge, election and predestination, and then in two weeks I am going to show you how that ***the evidence of new birth is that God teaches you and you receive it and you live it.*** and that is the difference between the two Vines, the one is ordained to glory while the other is ordained to condemnation.

So Paul goes on **14** *But **the natural man receiveth not** the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know** them, because **they are spiritually discerned.***

Therefore unless you are spirit filled you will never know the things of God and therefore never do what the things of God calls for you to do.

15 *But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.*

16 *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Thus men will teach, God being omniscient, and knowing the end from the beginning, knew who would and who would not and based upon this foreknowledge, God then elects those to Glory who choose right, and He elects to condemnation those who do not choose right. In believing this however men place man's ability to choose above God's sovereign will, and thus they fall into error.

And unless you understand these terms Foreknowledge, election and predestination, you will even get confused by what we have quoted brother Branham as saying because he was talking to a people who were opposed to the word predestination.

I once attended a seminar of by a man who was considered to be the Evangelicals most brilliant scholar. His name is Dr. Norman Geisler. Dr. Geisler has so many degrees you could plaster a wall with them. He has a bachelor of Theology from William Tyndale College, A Masters in Theology from Wheaton College, the same college Billy Graham made famous by graduating from it. And then a PHD from Loyola University which is a catholic University named after the founder of the Jesuit order Ignatius Loyola. so that ought to tell you how much discernment and revelation this man has, none.

But being he is the preeminent doctor of Theology among the Evangelicals, it ought to tell you also that he is a died in the wool Trinitarian, which is actually just another pseudo name for the Babylonian Triad of Anu Ea and Enlil, Anu being the father of the gods, ea being the son of the father and Enlil, being the wind or spirit.

Sometime, if we ever get the opportunity, I would like to take the time if we ever get a chance and go into the pagan Triads of ancient Babylon, Egypt, Rome and Greece to show

you they were all the same false worship of a satanic deity. But for now, I will recommend you read Hyslop's Two Babylons, for yourself to glean up on the history of the Trinity in false pagan worship.

From the Encyclopedia Britannica we read, **Enlil** (also known as Ellil and Nunamnir) was the Sumerian **god of the air** in the Mesopotamian **Pantheon** but was more powerful than any other elemental deities and eventually was worshiped as King of the Gods.

He was the son of the god of the heavens Anu (also known as An) and, with Anu and **Enki (god of wisdom)**, formed a triad which governed the heavens, earth, and underworld or, alternately, the universe, sky and atmosphere, and earth. After Anu, Enlil was the most powerful of the Mesopotamian gods, keeper of the Tablets of Destiny which contained the fates of gods and humanity, and considered an unstoppable force whose decisions could not be questioned.

So that is your basis for the Trinity which went from Babylon to China, and then to Egypt, Rome, and Greece. and from there it was adopted in 325 by the Catholic church at the council of Nicea.

Anyway, Dr. Geisler is famous for his 4 volume book set called "Systematic Theology" and says in another Book entitled, "I am put here for the defense of the Gospel".

Now, I do not understand how anyone can be a defender of the Gospel and believe in a Babylonian Triad.

But attending his seminar back in 1978 I was interested in how the so-called Defenders of the Faith looked at certain Bible truths. So I asked him about Predestination, and he tried to explain Predestination this way; and using a story he said, "If you were up on top of a building looking down and saw two cars heading toward the same intersection, and based upon their speed and distance from the intersection I knew they were going to crash, would I be responsible for the crash?" Well, "he went on to say, that is how predestination works. God knowing all things, knows who will and who will not choose Him and so He doesn't shove you through a tube and then hold you responsible. He just knows your end from the beginning."

Now, that might give you a warm fuzzy about God, but it doesn't hold up in the court of God's Word.

Therefore, In order to believe this you must be willing to throw out entire passages of Scripture and you must be willing to believe that man is capable on his own of making a correct choice.

God knows your end from your beginning because He "pre-determined" your end. That is what the word predestinate means. It means to pre - determine. "To mark out before hand", your destiny. Therefore, predestination is the path you are destined to take.

Let's turn to the Word now and examine the very scriptures that must be relegated to the trash heap in order to prove free will has anything to do with election.

In **John 15:16**, Jesus said, *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

Now, we could stop right here and rest our case. Either this is meant for all believers or it is not. If it is not, then all believers are not expected to bring forth fruit, and all believers are not entitled to ask the Father in the name of Jesus and expect to receive what they ask for. But Jesus tells us here that *we did not choose Him first*, rather, *He chose us*, and our love toward him, and acceptance of Him, is only in response to His choice.

In **I John 4:19**, we hear John tell us, *"We love him, because he first loved us."*

Now, either this is true or it is not. Then if this is not true, we must rip it out of our Bible. And if this passage is in error, then what else is in error. If we believe God wrote the Word, that His Bible is the Un-adulterated Word of God, then we must accept what it tells us. Scripture does not fight scripture.

In **Deuteronomy 7:6** we read, *"For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: **the LORD thy God hath chosen thee** to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. 7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, **nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people;** for ye were the fewest of all people: 8 But **because the LORD loved you**, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he [is] God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; 10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.*

Again we see that it was not our choosing but God's choosing that is involved here.

From Brother Branham's sermon **Divine healing 54-1219M P:49** he made it clear that our Election is sovereign and left to the choice of God and not ourselves.

He said, *"Listen. **It's not him that wants to get saved, that's saved. It's him that's saved by God's choice.** Esau wanted to get saved too. He wept bitterly, and couldn't find no place to repent. He wanted to get saved. **It ain't 'cause you want to get saved.** God said, 'I've hardened who I will harden. I have mercy on whom I want to have mercy.'" That's right. He said, "Before Esau or Jacob, either was born, not knowing right and wrong," God said, "I love Jacob and hate Esau." And Esau tried to get right with God and couldn't. Pharaoh tried to get right with God and couldn't do it. So **it's not you, not what you want. It's what God has ordained for you to do.** That's right. Paul said in the 9th chapter of Romans there, "Hasn't the potter got power over the clay to make an honored vessel or a dishonored vessel, to show His glory to those who He has honored?" You didn't know that, did you? That's what the Scripture says. **Pharaoh tried his best to repent.** He was kindhearted. He said, "Sure, I'll let you go. Go on." God said, "No, you ain't. I'm going to harden his heart so you can't do it." 'Cause God's Word has to be fulfilled. And if we're living in this day when formalities and things has broken the church down, broke away;*

why, it's God's Word being fulfilled. As sure as God said, "These signs would follow them that believe," as sure as God said these churches would be like they are now, God also said this opposition would meet it. **So the same God that ordained signs and wonders, ordained that these should be persecuting against It.** So there you are. If you're on the other side, I feel sorry. And I want you not to be that way, but maybe you can't help it. See? God might've fixed it that way.

In **Proverbs 14:12**, we read, ¶ *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.*

This scripture tells us that man will try to choose what seems right, or the way that he believes to be the right way, but man's choice will always lead to the way of death. Therefore, even in our choosing, we need a God who will watch over our choices, and help us to make the right choice.

In **Philippians 3:15** we read, ¶ *Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

In the following scriptures we find God is actively involved with the choices His elect take.

Psalms 37:23 *The steps of a [good] man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.* Here we find the Hebrew word **Kuwn** used for "**ordered**", and means **to set up or establish, to prepare or arrange**. Therefore we see the hand of God actively involved in the steps of a good man or righteous man.

In **Proverbs 16:9** we read, ¶ *A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.*

Here we find that although a man may contemplate and even plan his way, yet God has the ultimate say so and will direct the very footsteps of that man. Jonah was a classic example of this. The Lord told Him to do such and such and when Jonah had what he thought was a better plan, God just took over the situation and produced exactly what He intended to produce. Jonah had no choice, or at least his choice meant nothing to what God wanted done.

In **Jeremiah 1:5** we read, *Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, [and] I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.*

Jeremiah could no more get away from what He was called to if he tried. For this very reason he was born. and remember, Jonah tried to run from it, but God would not let him. So much for our will making our destiny.

We also find in the book of **Acts 13:48**, *And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.*

If we are to believe this scripture, then we must acknowledge that all who are ordained to Eternal Life will believe. Then those who are not ordained to Life will not believe, and there is your evidence of election.

I Corinthians 2:7 *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*

Ephesians 1:4 *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

Now, if God had a word which He ordained before the world began, and if that word was to produce Glory in a chosen people, or a people of God's choosing, then there had to be a people in God's mind before the world began who would at the right season believe this predestinated Word, and receive the glory it was ordained to produce.

Now, just as there are those who were ordained to glory and to eternal Life, we also find those who were ordained to condemnation. **Jude 1:4** *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Apostle Paul shoots the theory that speaks of free moral agency as the root cause for election to pieces in **Romans 9:11** *(For [the children] being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) 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. 14 ¶What shall we say then? [Is there] unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 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. 16 So then [it is] not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. 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. 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will [have mercy], and whom he will he hardeneth. 19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? 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 honour, and another unto dishonour?*

Paul makes it very clear that our election is not up to you or I, but entirely up to God. He even goes so far to say, **So then [it is] not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.** Now, if it is not him that willeth, then your will and my will have nothing to do with our election at all. It is God who either chooses to show mercy or not. Therefore, if your will has nothing to do with your being elect, then neither does your choice for your choice is but a reflection of your will. You will and then you choose.

Now, to place foreknowledge and election and then predestination in their proper place, we must first know the definitions of each. Therefore, since most people wish that foreknowledge is the preeminent principle behind election, we will start with this point first.

Let us pray