

## DESTINY AND THE WILL OF GOD

### **Ephesians 1:9 (KJV 1900)**

<sup>9</sup> *Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:*

According to this scripture, few statements can be made:

- The will of God was a mystery; meaning something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.
- The mystery of the will of God has been revealed to us.
- The will of God is a pleasure to himself

### **WHAT DO WE KNOW OF THE REVEALED MYSTERY?**

Let us answer this question in three points:

#### **I. We are the chosen of God**

### **Ephesians 1:4 (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup> *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world*

- **WE ARE PREDESTINATED UNTO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY JESUS CHRIST**

### **Ephesians 1:5 (KJV 1900)**

<sup>5</sup> *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

- **THE PREDESTINATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH SANCTIFICATION AND ORDINATION**

### **Jeremiah 1:4-5 (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup> *Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, <sup>5</sup> 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.*

- **THE PREDESTINATION IS BY ELECTION ACCORDING TO GOD'S PURPOSE**

### **Romans 9:11-13 (KJV)**

<sup>11</sup> *(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;**) <sup>12</sup> It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. <sup>13</sup> As it is written, **Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.***

### **Romans 9:15-16 (KJV)**

<sup>15</sup> *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. <sup>16</sup> So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*

## **2. We are chosen to be holy and blameless**

**Ephesians 1:4 (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup> *that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

### **- OUR CONDITION BEFORE CHRIST SAVED US**

**Ephesians 2:1-2 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;* <sup>2</sup> *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

### **- PRAISE THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE**

**Ephesians 1:6-7 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> *To the praise of **the glory of his grace**, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

<sup>7</sup> *In whom we have redemption through his blood, **the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace;*

We cannot really praise the glory of God's grace until we understand what he has done for us.

### **- WE ARE CHOSEN TO BE HOLY FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US THROUGH CHRIST**

**Ephesians 2:8 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> *That in the ages to come he might shew the **exceeding riches of his grace** in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.* <sup>8</sup> *For by **grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

**Ephesians 2:4-6 (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup> *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,* <sup>5</sup> *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by **grace ye are saved**;) <sup>6</sup> *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

The grace of God flows out of his mercies

## **3. We are blessed with spiritual blessings in Christ**

**Ephesians 1:3 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all **spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ**:*

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### **- OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS MUST BE PULLED DOWN THROUGH PRAYER**

**John 14:14 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> *If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

### **- SIN LIMITS WHAT GOD CAN DO FOR YOU**

**Psalms 66:18 (KJV)**

<sup>18</sup> *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:*

### **- ACT OF DISOBEDIENCE LIMITS WHAT GOD CAN DO FOR YOU**

**John 15:16 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup> *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.*