

PREDESTINATION

Predestine (pr-dus't'n) predestining, predestines.

1. To fix upon, decide, or decree in advance; foreordain. 2. Theology. To foreordain or elect by divine will or decree.

Are we predestined? Do we have a choice? Are we just puppets in the hands of a great entity? Some tell us we are just pawns in a great chess game between Yah and the Devil and are moved by one or the other. Nothing is our fault for we are subject to the will of Yah or the Devil depending upon whom we serve, or which side of the board we are predestined to be a piece on. This, my friend, is Greek mythology.

“This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.”

Here are some scriptures for you to consider.

“Do not envy a violent man or choose any of his ways.”

“He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right.” And again, *“I will destine you for the sword, and you will all bend down for the slaughter; for I called but you did not answer, I spoke but you did not listen. You did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me.”*

So, we see that Yah has given us a choice. From the very beginning Yah did not manipulate mankind, but gave them a choice. He gave Adam and Eve a choice to eat or not to eat. He gave Abram a choice to obey or not to obey, to believe or not to believe. And He gives us the same choice today. So, as the Holy Spirit says: *“Today, if you hear His voice, and harden not your heart as in the provocation.”*

Yah does not want mindless manipulated puppets. He wants sons and daughters and He wants them to mature to the place that they can make the choices that are beneficial to their life and well-being. Father Yah wants children upon whom He can lavish His love because they choose to love Him. Agape love does not seek its own, but the betterment of others. Yah the Father is not selfish. It is just not in His nature. Nothing can be more selfish than to control some ones life. It is the mark of the Religious Harlot to manipulate and control the lives of men and women. It is a flagrant insult to the very nature and love of Yah to consider that He would make such demands upon His creation.

Yah's Foreknowledge:

When there is a choice to be made inevitably some will make the wrong choice. This is mostly out of ignorance or lack of understanding. *“My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.”* So, Yah had to set in motion a plan for those who make the wrong

choices. This He did before He even uttered the first words of creation. By His foreknowledge He looked into the future and knew who would accept and who would not accept His love. This is not predestination. This is just knowledge. I know many of Yah's people will not come into sonship, but that does not mean that they could not, just that they do not choose to do so. How do I know this?

“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 to be adopted, (placed in the family), as His , (mature adult), sons through YahShua Messiyah, in accordance with His pleasure and will.”

It is His pleasure and will for “US” to be placed as sons in Him. This, my friend, is predestination. Not that certain individuals are predestined to be sons, but the realm of sonship is predestined to be ours. All we have to do is take it, choose it by accepting the revelation of it, so that the son life can be conceived within us and not just remain a unfertilized seed. This is Yah's plan, His will and His purpose for the human race. Sadly, Sonship will be aborted in many because it dies in the womb and does not come to full term or maturity in them.

“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.”

“For those Yah foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. 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.”

Who Is Predestined?

Let us suppose predestination is on an individual bases, and Yah is a respecter of persons sitting up in heaven saying to the Devil, “I'll take that one and you can have that one.” Let us see in Scripture whom Yah chooses, and who He doesn't.

*“For Yah so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that **whoever** believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For Yah sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **Whoever** believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because He has not believed in the name of Yah's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through Yah.”*

So, now I must ask you, whom does He choose and whom has He chosen to be conformed into the image of his dear son? Who is **whoever**? I don't see any exclusion here. However, I do see a choice. If any are excluded, it is self-imposed because of an

evil heart. Now I could go into how no man can come unto YahShua except the Father draw him. Those who hold to the doctrine of personal predestination use this scripture to make their point.

However, I can then show you how that when the Spirit of Truth came into the world He came to convict the “world” of sin and woo people or draw people to YahShua for the saving of their soul. Who does Yah wish to save? We read that the “world” through Him might be saved. Who is excluded? Who is the Holy Spirit convicting of sin and drawing to YahShua? Who is included in the word “world”?

Ever since the promise of the Father (**the Holy Spirit**) came into the world He has been doing the work He was sent to do. One of the things He was sent to do is to convict the world of sin. Some say if he or she is not saved yet it is because the Father has not drawn them. *“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him.”* That is precisely what the Holy Spirit is doing now in this day of salvation. All men everywhere have had the chance to come to the saving grace of our Yah and Savior.

He has also given unto us the ministry of reconciliation, to preach the gospel to those who have not heard while the Spirit working with them to verify their words and give credentials to what was being said. If we are already predestined by Yah to be His or not to be His, then why was the Holy Spirit given, and why the ministry of reconciliation? Why the death of Messiyah, if we are already either His or the Devils and we have no choice? If we were His from the beginning of creation and had no choice in the matter, we are already saved and have no need for the blood of the Lamb.

But we read, *“For as in Adam all die, so in Messiyah all will be made alive.”* Adam made a choice for us and we inherited it. YahShua made another choice for us and we can inherit that also, but to do so we must be born again. *“YahShua answered, I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of Yah unless He is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at My saying, **You must be born again.**”*

The Race:

Life here on earth is like a relay race. We take the baton when we are born into the human race. *“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.”* Like in a relay race there is a team and while one member of the team run the others cheer them on. Even though not all cross the finish line, yet all stand in the winner's circle and receive the reward.

The first leg of this race was the pre-flood people. They were a law unto themselves. Then the baton was passed to Moses and Aaron with the law and the prophets. *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”* Then it was taken by YahShua and passed on to born again believers in the church age. Paul declares, *“However, I consider my life*

worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task that the blessed YahShua has given me.” And in the end of his life he says, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

The church age has closed and now the torch is being passed on to the sons of Yah and theirs will be the final leg of this race. They will bring restoration and consummation to the human race. The reward is set before us. Do you see the ribbon not far ahead? Then as Paul and the others cheers us on from the sidelines let us be, *“...Straining toward what is ahead, press on toward the goal to win the prize for which Yah has called... All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too Yah will make clear to you.”*

Paul goes on to speak of the winner’s circle, *“Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Heavenly Father, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved His appearing.”*

It is Yah's will that we help one another up the hill to transfiguration. However, keep in mind that it is not revelation knowledge that we should seek, but “HIM”. Spiritual understand will automatically come as we become more aware of “HIM” and become more like “HIM”. Many fall short of full sonship by becoming too caught up in the revelation, and not caught up “IN HIM”. “HE” must have preeminence in our life even in our getting of revelation knowledge. I cannot stress this enough.

As the sons carry the torch on into the eight-day, the race will begin to get intense. We must not falter or draw back, but press toward the prize of the high calling in YahShua Messiyah. The crowd is standing in their seats and looking expectantly at us. All the hope for the Human Race hangs upon what Yah will do through His sons. We will enter the predestined realm of the manifestations of the sons of Yah and death and decay will melt into immortality and life.

The race will then be won and the winners crowned with the victory wreath of eternal life, and all creation and the hosts of Heaven will cheer us. The world will find a new beginning in the eighth day of peace and security in the presence of Yah the Father in the Kingdom Age. The future is bright, for we have been predestined to win, and win we shall.