

## The Foreknowledge Of God

Concise dictionary

prognwaiv. A knowledge of persons and events before they exist. It is one of the divine attributes of God, by which persons were foreknown of Him and events determined. It is a capacity altogether beyond the mind of man to grasp

*Isa 46.9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

**1Pet 1.20 The manifestation of the Lord Jesus in 1Pet 1.20 was foreknown by God.**

**Note:- The word translated 'foreordained' should really be 'foreknown'.**

**Acts 2.23 The death of the Lord Jesus was foreknown by God.**

**Rom 11.2 Israel foreknown by God**

**Rom 8.29 1Pet 1.2 Believers foreknown by God**

### The Foreknowledge Of God Is Seen In Many Ways

- 1) **Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar in Dan 2. 28**
- 2) **Isaiah 42.8:- God Declares New Things Before They Spring Forth**
- 3) **Lord Jesus in Matt24.34-36. :- Future events known by God**
- 4) **Peter speaking in Acts 3.14-19 . God shewed through the prophets, the sufferings of the Lord Jesus**
- 5) **The Psalms:- His reproach Ps 22.6 Ps69.8**
- 6) **Isaiah 53.3-5** *despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: ..... stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted*
- 7) **Daniel 9.26;** *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off,*
- 8) **Zechariah 12.10** *they shall look upon me whom they have pierced,*
- 9) **Zeck 13.7** *Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts:*

**Amos the Prophet ch 9.11 quoted in Acts 15.13 -18** *Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.*

**Jeremiah 1: 4-5 ¶ 5** *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 prophesy of Daniel met the requirements of Deut 18. 22** *When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.*

### Election - Divine Choice

lit. signifies "picked out, chosen. The word is used of both human and Divine choices.

*"The death of Christ was sufficient for all men, and is therefore effective in the case of the "elect," yet men are treated as responsible, being capable of the will and power to choose"*

- 1) Election is according to the foreknowledge of God [1Pe 1:2 ]
- 2) Election is wholly of grace, apart from human merit Ro 9: Rom11.
- 3) Election proceeds from the divine volition Job 15:16.
- 4) Election is the sovereign act of God in grace whereby certain are chosen from among mankind for Himself. Job 15:

Human responsibility

*1Tim 2. 3 Jn 3. 16 -21 v16 ..... 2Thess 2.7 12*

### Scriptures Covering 'Divine Choice

**Christ the chosen of God** Lu 23:35 1Pe 2:4 1Pe 2:6

**Israel chosen** Deut 4. 33 -39 Deut 7. 6-8 Deut 14.2 Isa 45.4 Ac 13:17

**Gentiles chosen** Acts 13. 47- 48 The Jewish Believing Remnant Today Are Elect, Rom 11.5 - 7 [the Note:- "remnant according to the election of grace" refers to believing Jews, saved from among the unbelieving nation; ]

**Saints chosen of God** 1Pe 2:9

**Chosen by Christ Jesus** Job 15:16

**The disciples are given by God the Father to Christ as the fruit of His death, all being foreknown and foreseen by God,** Jn 17.6

**Pauls Thanksgiving For The Thess. Saints Being Elected Of God** 1Thess 1.2 ¶

**Elect angels** 1Ti 5:21

**Disciples Chosen out of the world** Job 15:19

**Elect according to foreknowledge of God** 1Pe 1:2

**The elect are God's** Ro 8:33

**Few chosen** Mt 20:16 Mt 22:14

**Relative to the Body, the universal Church** Eph 1:4

**Poor of this world chosen** Jas 2:5

**Rufus, chosen in the Lord** Ro 16:13

**An elect lady** 2Jo 1:1

**An elect sister** 2Jo 1:13

### **Spiritual characteristics required in the elect**

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect <1588> of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Elected for glory.. 2Ti 2:10 , that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

### **Romans ch 9**

**v6-13 The Sovereign Right Of Divine Choice**

**v6-8 The Word Of God Has Not Failed v9 -13 Sovereign Choice**

**v14 - 18 God's Righteousness Displayed In His Mercy cp Deut 32. 3 Exod 33.19 .**

**v19 - 29 Vessels Of Wrath And Vessels Of Mercy**

**v19-24 God's Dealings Vindicated v25 - 29 The OT Scriptures**

**v30 - 33 The Righteousness Which Is Of Faith**

### **Predestination**

If election deals with persons, then we find predestination deals with purpose.

Quote:- "Predestination is that effective exercise of the will of God by which things before determined by Him are brought to pass. "

Schofield:- "The divine order is foreknowledge, election, predestination. That foreknowledge determines the election or choice is clear from #1Pe 1:2 and predestination is the bringing to pass of the election. "election looks back to foreknowledge; predestination forward to the destiny." But Scripture nowhere declares what it is in the divine foreknowledge which determines the divine election and predestination. The foreknown are elected, and the elect are predestinated, and this election is certain to every believer by the mere fact that he believes #1Th 1:4,5 "

**Counsel of God in the workings of men** Acts 4.27 -28

**To be like Christ** Ro 8:29

**To be glorified** Ro 8:30 1Co 2:7

**Adoption of children** Eph 1:5

**Obtained an inheritance** Eph 1:11