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## **3:3-4** The Decree of God

**3.** By God's decree, and for the demonstration of His glory, some human beings and angels are predestined (or foreordained) to eternal life through Jesus Christ,<sup>1</sup> to the praise of His glorious grace.<sup>2</sup>

Others are left to live in their sin, leading to their just condemnation, to the praise of His glorious justice.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>1 Timothy 5:21; Matthew 25:34. <sup>2</sup>Ephesians 1:5, 6. <sup>3</sup>Romans 9:22, 23; Jude 4.

**4.** These predestined and foreordained angels and people are individually and unchangeably designated, and their number is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or decreased.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup>2 Timothy 2:19; John 13:18.

## **Scripture Proofs:**

<sup>1</sup>**1 Timothy 5:21** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.

Matthew 25:34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world

<sup>2</sup>Ephesians 1:5, 6 ... He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

<sup>3</sup>Romans 9:22, 23 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

Jude 4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>**2 Timothy 2:19** But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

John 13:18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'