

# **Acts 17:26-34**

-The Power of God in Creation

-The Plan of God in Human History

-The Purpose of God in Human  
History

-We want the Bible to inform our  
theology.

We don't want a theological category  
informing our Bible.

-John 6

## -Article IV Providence

God from eternity, decrees or permits all things that come to pass, and perpetually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and all events; yet so as not in any wise to be the author or approver of sin nor to destroy the free will and responsibility of intelligent creatures.

-Isaiah 46:9-10 (ESV) 9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'



-Psalms 139:1-6

...4 Even before a word is on my  
tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it  
altogether...

-Genesis 22:12 (ESV) ... “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

-Genesis 15:1-6

4... “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.”

5 ... “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” ...

“So shall your offspring be.” ...

-Genesis 15:13-16 (ESV)

13 Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring... will be afflicted for four hundred years...

16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation...

-1 Samuel 13:13-14 (ESV) 13 And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly... For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. ...because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

-Genesis 49:10 (ESV) The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

-Romans 8:29-30 (ESV) 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

-V. Election is God's eternal choice of some persons unto everlasting life-not because of foreseen merit in them, but of His mere mercy in Christ-in consequence of which choice they are called, justified and glorified.



-Ephesians 1:3-7

-Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast...

## -2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

...because they refused to love the truth and so be saved

... who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

## -2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (ESV)

1 ...we appeal to you not to receive the  
grace of God in vain.

2 ...Behold, now is the favorable time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation.

-2 Thessalonians 2:13

...because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

-“God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility are taught us side by side in the same Bible; sometimes indeed, in the same text. Both are thus guaranteed to us by the same divine authority; both, therefore, are true. It follows that they must be held together, and not played off against each other. Man is a responsible moral agent, though he is also *divinely* controlled; man is *divinely* controlled, though he is *also* a responsible moral agent. God’s sovereignty is a reality and man’s responsibility is a reality too.”

-Acts 19:8 (ESV) And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.

-2 Corinthians 5:11 (ESV) Therefore,  
knowing the fear of the Lord, we  
*persuade others...*