

Double Predestination: A Biblical Doctrine

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Isa 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

This week, we will go deeper down the rabbit hole of truth and learn who exactly they are who are predestined to Salvation and who they are that are also predestined to damnation.

In the opening text, we see immediately, the Judgement of God being levied against the Nation of Israel yet again; Moses having previously declared to the Israelites of this lack of perception and understanding in his farewell address to them in the wilderness.

De 29:2 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;

De 29:3 The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:

De 29:4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

Notice please how Moses tells them what they have seen in the past with their eyes in verses 2 and 3, yet in verse 4 he tells them that the LORD has not given them eyes to see nor ears to hear unto this very day.

How can this be?

Well, it is quite simple, really. There is man's understanding and then there is God's understanding.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

God decides who lives and who dies.

The Apostle Paul puts it like this...

Ro 9:18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

Ro 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

Ro 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

Ro 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Ro 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Ro 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Right.

Getting back to this business of double predestination.

Starting in Isaiah Chapter 6, verse 9, we see the prophet Isaiah being directed by God to go to the People of the nation of Israel. His calling and election to the Office of Prophet being given him in the preceding verses (1-8).

Isa 6:1 ¶ In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Isa 6:2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isa 6:4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Isa 6:5 ¶ Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Isa 6:6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

Isa 6:7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Then, we have the dreadful sentence passed down from the Mouth of the Lord Himself.

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Isa 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

We've seen this before, regarding the people of Israel, in Deuteronomy 32 and 33.

De 32:15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

De 33:5 And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

De 33:26 There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

Again, Moses prophecies of this as well prior to Isaiah receiving the command from the Lord.

Jeshurun is a poetic name for "the people of God".

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Jeshurun

a poetical name for the people of Israel, used in token of affection, meaning, "the dear upright people" (De 32:15; 33:5,26; Isa 44:2).

Isa 44:2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

Notice please the first 4 letters of the word "Jesurun" in verse 2 of chapter 44.

JESU.

God's people, or, the people of Christ.

Yet, as we go back to chapter 6, verses 9-10, that God is telling Isaiah to "go and say thus to the children of Israel: you have eyes; but cannot (don't have the ability) see with understanding; ears; but cannot understand what you hear."

"MAKE THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE FAT".

From Deuteronomy 32:15, we see what was entailed in fatness;
they then forsook God which made them, and lightly esteemed the Rock of their salvation.

Which is exactly what they did when The Lord Jesus was among them.

Were the Jews the chosen people? Well of course they were.

But in the end; they were chosen nationally, to utter destruction and damnation.

Man, in our day and age; in his utter and complete depravity, believes that he can make a decision for Christ. How he comes to this conclusion, is beyond me. Sure; there are a couple of verses that make it seem that a man can choose Christ of his (or her) own free will. But when placed in their proper context and then cross verified using Scripture to interpret Scripture; this easily falls apart.

Here are some verses of how God describes His visible people.

Isa 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Isa 30:8 ¶ Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:

Isa 30:9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD:

Isa 30:10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

Isa 30:11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

Isa 30:12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

Isa 30:13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

Isa 30:14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water withal out of the pit.

This next set of verses is what started the whole thing... It almost seems that from this day onward, God was set on utterly crushing the People of Israel.

Ex 32:7 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:

Ex 32:8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Ex 32:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

Ex 32:10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

Now think about this for a moment...

God has just delivered the Children of Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. 10 devastating acts of God's power that crushed Egypt. He parted the Red Sea to pave the way for their escape.

He gave them manna in the wilderness.

HE SPOKE TO THEM FROM MT. SINAI.

He gave them His Law.

All of this in a space of a few months.

Then what do they go and do?

They cause Aaron to build them an idol. An immediate violation of the first through 3rd Commandments.

When we consider the history of the people of Israel, how can one come to the conclusion in this day that they are still the chosen people of God?

In continuing...

God killed every one of them who did this.

Then we come to the scouting of the land of Canaan,

Joshua, Caleb, and the other 10 scouts have just returned from spying out the land. They deliver an evil report unto Moses.

Here's what happens next.

Nu 13:32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

Nu 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Nu 14:1 ¶ And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

Nu 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

Nu 14:3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

Nu 14:4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

Nu 14:5 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

Nu 14:6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:

Nu 14:7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.

Nu 14:8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

Nu 14:9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

Nu 14:10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

Nu 14:11 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

Nu 14:12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

Nu 14:13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)

Nu 14:14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud

standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

Nu 14:15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

Nu 14:16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

Nu 14:17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

Nu 14:18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

Nu 14:19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

Nu 14:20 ¶ And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:

Nu 14:21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

Nu 14:22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

Nu 14:23 Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

Nu 14:24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

Nu 14:25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

Nu 14:26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

Nu 14:27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

Nu 14:28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

Nu 14:29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

Nu 14:30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

Nu 14:31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

Nu 14:32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

Nu 14:33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

Nu 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Nu 14:35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

Nu 14:36 ¶ And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

Nu 14:37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

Nu 14:38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

Nu 14:39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.

This is only the first of the many judgements levied against the Children of Israel.

Since this is a sermon about double predestination, I will leave this to suffice for the first part of predestination.

God chose Israel. They did not choose God first. The LORD has dealt with them thus; they were delivered, as a nation, unto damnation.

Here is the indictment that is levied upon the visible people of God that even remains in the mouth professors of our day.

Isa 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Isa 29:14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

Isa 29:15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

Isa 29:16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

As Paul reminded us in Romans 9:14-23

Ro 9:14 ¶ What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

Ro 9:15 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.

Ro 9:16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Ro 9:17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Ro 9:18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

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The Lord Jesus Himself confirms God's Predestination of the Nation of Israel to utter destruction with this short explanation...

Mt 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

Mt 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Mt 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

Mt 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Mt 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

Mt 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Mt 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

Mt 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

This concludes the first segment.

II.

With regard to God choosing His Elect in Christ, I will only post a few verses that will remind everyone of this truth. This has been done a couple of times already for those who follow this ministry. But, for those who may be listening for the first time, I would direct you to my sermon titled, “The Codex of Christianity” and also my two sermon series on the Doctrines of Grace.

Joh 15:16 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.

Here are some further Scriptures for your consideration.

Joh 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you

Joh 6:70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

Here, we see that example of a double predestination. 11 disciples chosen to live and 1 to damnation.

No decision here, because the Lord Jesus Christ says that He chose 12 and yet one was a devil.

Joh 13:18 ¶I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

Judas never had a prayer. No matter what was in his heart... he was predestined to damnation.

I think that this will be sufficient to conclude the point that it is God Alone that chooses who lives and who dies at the end of it all.

We, who have been chosen to eternal life must remember to thank God in Christ for His Mercy toward us. For we certainly do not deserve it.

The remainder of the proof of who chooses who to live and to die is in the aforementioned sermon that I gave earlier. "The Codex of Christianity".

In closing this morning, I would ask that we remember to take up our cross every day. In this, we should also remember these lessons from today when we look at others who have not been so fortunate.

I have been guilty in the past of wanting to see the Hand of God in judgement of a wicked nation. I know now that I should have more mercy toward those who are not of us. To pray more for their salvation instead of wanting to see their blood spilled in the name of justice.

I truly repent of this. I hope that if there are others out there who have thought similarly; that you will repent of this as well.

For we all are only saved by grace alone.

Let us pray...

Father, I thank you that you have hid these truths from the wise and the prudent and have revealed them unto babes.

I thank you for the privilege of preaching Your Word to Your People.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

