

Predestination and the Bible



Scripture

- **Romans 9:10-16**

And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER." Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED." What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." So then, it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

- **Ephesians 1:4-5**

...just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption...

- **Romans 8:29**

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son

Other Scriptures

- Romans 9
- I Kings 19:18
- Romans 9:6
- Deuteronomy 7:6-7
- John 15:16
- Ephesians 2:3
- Romans 3:10
- Luke 18:18-19
- Isaiah 6:5
- Ephesians 2:3-5
- John 15:16

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Main Points

- Individuals come to know God because of His sovereign choice.
- Israel was chosen as a nation to be the couriers to bring the revelation of salvation to the world.
- You love Jesus because God first loved you.
- Because we were chosen, God brought us to Himself.
- You are chosen by God!

Discussion Questions

1. As Rabbi teaches on the subject of predestination, what is the hardest part of this subject for you to receive? Are you willing to hear out Rabbi on this subject?
2. Who will actually come to God on their own, according to Scripture?
3. Does God owe it to any person to save them? How does our concept of fairness lead us to wrong thinking about God? Why is fairness not the right standard here?
4. What does it mean to be predestined and chosen? Which is a correct statement?
 - a. God chose us because He knew what our choice of Him would be?
 - b. God chose us and we responded to His love.
5. How does knowing God chose you increase your sense of awe and worship?