

# THE BIBLICAL INDISPUTABLE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

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"Holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Ghost"

- II Peter 1:21

Genesis 1: 1, "*In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth.*"

There were no beings created as of then, to aid, advise, help, cooperate, preach to, beg, coerce or give counsel to Him. **That is absolute sovereignty!**

Mal. 3:6, "*For I am the Lord, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*" So He is still as He was: **sovereign!**

Hebrews 12:8, "*Jesus Christ **the same** yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*" He is still **sovereign, and always shall be**, as He was in the beginning.

John 1:1, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by Him**; and without Him was not any thing made that was made."*

*"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**"* – Roman 9: 22.

## CHOSE

[As in the sense of God making the choice, either to an office, work, or position as one of God's people.]

Deut. 4:37-39, *"And because He loved thy fathers, therefore **He chose their seed after them**, and brought thee out in His sight with His mighty power out of Egypt; (to use them) to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou, to bring thee in, **to give thee their land for an inheritance**, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else."*

Deut. 10: 14-15, "*Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers **to love them, and He chose their seed after them**, even you above all people, as it is this day.*"

II Sam. 6:21, "*And David said unto Michal, It was before the Lord, **which chose me before thy father**, and before all his house, **to appoint me ruler** over the people of the Lord, over Israel: therefore will I play before the Lord.*"

I Kings 8:16, "*Since the day that I brought forth **My people** Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that My name might be therein; but **I chose David to be over My people Israel.***"

I Kings 11:34, "*I will make him prince all the days of his life for David My servant's sake, **whom I chose**, because he kept My commandments and My statutes.*"

I Chron. 28:4, "*Howbeit the Lord God of Israel **chose me before all the house of my father** to be king over Israel for ever: **for He hath***

**chosen Judah** to be the ruler; and of the house; and among the sons of my father **He liked me** to make my king over all Israel."

Psalm 78:70, "**He chose David** also His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds."

Ezek. 20:5, "Thus saith the Lord God; In the day when **I chose Israel**, and lifted up Mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up Mine hand unto them, saying, I am the Lord your God."

Luke 6:13, "And when it was day, He called unto Him His disciples: and of them **He chose twelve**, whom also He named apostles."

Acts 13:17, "The God of this people of Israel **chose our fathers**, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought He them out of it."

## **CHOSEN**

[As in such cases where God has "chosen" one to salvation or position as a sovereign act of His own will.]

Numbers 16:5, *And he (Moses) spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even tomorrow the Lord will show who are His, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto Him: **even him whom He hath chosen** will He cause to come near unto Him.*"

Deut. 7:6, *"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God **hath chosen thee** to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth."*

Verses 6-7, *"The Lord did not set His love upon you, **nor choose you**, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: but **because the Lord loved you**, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."*

Deut. 14:2, *"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and **the Lord hath chosen thee** to be a peculiar people unto Himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth."*

Deut. 18:5, "For the Lord thy God **hath chosen** him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons for ever."

Deut. 21:5, "And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for **them the Lord thy God hath chosen to minister** unto Him, and to bless in the name of the Lord; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried."

I Sam. 10:24, "And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord **hath chosen**, (Saul) that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king."

I King 3:8, "And Thy servant is in the midst of **Thy people which Thou hast chosen**, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude."

I Chron. 16:13, "O ye seed of Israel, ye children of Jacob, **His chosen ones**."

I Chron. 28:1-10, "Howbeit the **Lord God of Israel chose me**" . . .  
."He **hath chosen Solomon**" . . . . (verse 6) "for **I have chosen him**

*to be My son, and I will be His Father.” (verse 10) “Take heed now; for the **Lord hath chosen thee** to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.”*

*I Chron. 29:1, “Furthermore David the King said unto the congregation, Solomon my son, **whom alone God hath chosen**, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God.”*

*II Chron. 6:6, “But **I have chosen Jerusalem**, that My name might be there, and **have chosen David** to be over My people Israel.”*

*II Chron. 29:11, “My sons, be not now negligent: for the **Lord hath chosen you** to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that ye should minister unto Him, and burn incense.”*

*Psalm 33:12, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people **whom He hath chosen for His own** inheritance.”*

*Psalm 17: 13, “Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the **wicked, which is Thy sword**.”*

Psalm 145:16, "*Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire **of every living thing.***"

Psalm 89:3, "*I have made a covenant **with My chosen**, I have sworn unto David My servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy house to all generations. Selah.*"

Verse 19, "*Then Thou spakest in vision to Thy holy One, and sadist, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted **one chosen** out of the people.*"

Psalm 105:25, "***He turned** their hearts to hate His people, to deal subtilly with His servants.*"

Psalm 105:43, "*And He brought forth His people with joy, and **His chosen** with gladness.*"

Psalm 106: 5, "*That I may see the good **of Thy chosen**, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation, that I may glory with Thine inheritance.*"

Psalm 132: 13, "For the **Lord hath chosen Zion**; He hath desired it for His habitation."

Isaiah 41: 8,9, "But thou, Israel, art My servant, Jacob **whom I have chosen**, the seed of Abraham My friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and **called thee** from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art My servant; **I have chosen thee**, and not cast thee away."

Isaiah 43:10, "Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and My servant **whom I have chosen**: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall these be after Me."

(verses 20,21), "The beast of the field shall honour Me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink **to My people, My chosen**. This people **have I formed for Myself**; they shall show forth My praise."

Isaiah 44: 1,2, "Yet now hear, O Jacob My servant, and Israel, **whom I have chosen**: 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, Jehsurun, **whom I have chosen**."

Isaiah 48:10, "*Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; **I have chosen thee** in the flames of affliction.*"

Haggai 2:23, "*In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and I will make thee as a signet; **for I have chosen thee**, saith the Lord of hosts.*"

Matt. 12:18, "*Behold My servant, **whom I have chosen**; My beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased: I will put My spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles.*"

Matt. 20:16, "*So the last shall be first, and the first last; for many be called, **but few chosen**.*"

Matt. 22:16, "*For many are called, but **few chosen**.*" (Note: This passage sustains our position that in actual facts, comparatively few are elected or chosen to salvation, relative to the vast number of reprobates.)

Mark 13:20, "And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but **for the elect's** sake, **whom He hath chosen**, He hath shortened the days."

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

John 13:18, "I speak not of you all: **I know whom I have chosen**: but that the scripture, ay be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with Me hath lifted up his heel against Me."

John 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 shall give it you."

Acts 9:15, "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for **he is a chosen vessel unto Me**, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:"

Acts 22:14, "And he said, The God of our fathers **hath chosen thee**, that thou shouldest know His will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of His mouth."

I Cor. 1:27, "But **God hath chosen** the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and **God hath chosen** the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, **hath God chosen**, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in His presence."

Ephesians 1:4, "According as **He hath chosen us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:"

II Thess. 2:13, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation** through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

II Timothy 2:4, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who **hath chosen him** to be a soldier."

James 2:5, "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not **God chosen the poor** of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him?"

I Peter 2:4, "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, **but chosen of God**, and precious. . ."

(verse 9), "But ye are **a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Revelation 17:14, "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are **called, and chosen, and faithful**."

## **ELECT**

[As used in the sense that it is God that chooses, selects, picks, or elects to salvation or a work or position.]

Isaiah 42:1, "*Behold My servant, whom I uphold; **mine elect**, in whom My should delighteth; I have put My Spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.*"

Isaiah 45:4, "*For Jacob My servant's sake, and **Israel Mine elect**, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not know Me.*"

Isaiah 65:9, "*And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of My mountains: and **mine elect** shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there.*"

(verse 22), "*They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of My people, and **mine elect shall long enjoy** the work of their hands.*"

Matt. 24:24, "*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive **the very elect**.*"

(verse 31), "And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together **His elect from the four winds**, from one end of heaven to the other."

Mark 13:22, "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, **even the elect**."

(verse 27), "And then shall He send His angels, and shall gather together **His elect** from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven."

Luke 18:7, "And shall not **God avenge His own elect**, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them?"

Romans 8:33, "Who shall lay any thing to the **charge of God's elect**? It is God that justifieth."

Colossians 3:12, "Put on therefore, **as the elect of God**, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;"

I Timothy 5:21, "*I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, **and the elect angels**, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.*"

Titus 1:1, "*Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the **faith of God's elect**, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness:*"

I Peter 1:2, "***Elect according to the foreknowledge of God** the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:*"

II John 1, "*The elder unto the **elect lady and her children**, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;*"

(verse 13), "*The children of **thy elect sister** greet thee. Amen.*"

## **ELECTED**

I Peter 5:13, "The church that is at Babylon, **elected together with you**, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son."

## ELECTION

Romans 9:11, "For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the **purpose of God according to election** might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth."

Romans 11:5, "Even so then at this present time also there is a **remnant according to the election of grace.**"

(verse 7), "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; **but the election hath obtained it**, and the rest were blinded."

(verse 28, "As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sake: but as **touching the election**, they are beloved for the father's sake."

I Thess. 1:4, "Knowing, brethren beloved, **your election of God.**"

II Peter 1:10, "*Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to **make your calling and election sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.*"

II Timothy 2:10, "*Therefore I endure all things **for the elect's sake**, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.*"

## **PREDESTINATE, PREDESTINATED, ORDAINED, AND FOREORDAINED**

Acts 4:28, "*For to do whatsoever Thy hand and Thy **counsel determined before to be done.***"

Acts 13:48, "*And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as **were ordained to eternal life believed.***"

Jude 4, "*For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were **before of old ordained to this condemnation**, ungodly men,*

*turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Romans 8:29, "*For whom He did foreknow, He also did **predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."*

(verse 30), "*Moreover whom He did **predestinate**, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified;*"

Ephesians 1:5, "*Having **predestinated us unto the adoption** of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."*

(verse 11), "*In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestinated according to the purpose of Him** who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will."*

I Peter 1:20, "*Who verily was **foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you."*

## SCRIPTURES IN SUPPORT OF THE DOCTRINE OF REPROBATION

Isaiah 29: 9, "*Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For **the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes:** the prophets and your rulers, the seers **hath He covered.***

Jeremiah 6: 30, "***Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the Lord hath rejected them.***"

John 10: 26, "*But ye **believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.***"

John 17: 12, "*While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that Thou **gavest Me** I have kept, and none of them are lost, **but the son of perdition;** that the scripture might be fulfilled.*"

Romans 9:22, "What if God, willing to show His wrath, and to make His power known, **endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.**"

Romans 11:7-8, "According as it is written, **God hath given them the spirit of slumber**, eyes that they **should not see**, and ears that they **should not hear**,) unto this day."

II Cor. 13:5-7. "Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, **except ye be reprobates**? But I trust that ye shall know that **we are not reprobates.**" (verse 7), "Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, **though we be as reprobates.**"

II Thess. 2:11, "And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion**, that they should **believe a lie**: that they all **might be damned** who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

II Timothy 3:8, "*Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, **reprobate concerning the faith.***"

Jude 4, "*For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were **before of old ordained to this condemnation**, ungodly men, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God . . ."*

### **GOD HARDENS THE REPROBATES' HEARTS**

Exodus 4:21, "*. . .but I will **harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.***"

Exodus 7:3-4, "*And I will **harden Pharaoh's heart**, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. But Pharaoh **shall not hearken unto you**, that I may lay My hand upon Egypt, and bring forth Mine armies, and My people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgment."*

(verse 13), "*And **He hardened Pharaoh's heart**, that he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said."*

Exodus 9:12, "And the **Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh**, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had spoken unto Moses."

(verse 16), "And in very deed **for this cause have I raised thee up**, for to show in thee **My power**, and that My name may be declared throughout all the earth."

(verse 35), "And the **heart of Pharaoh was hardened**, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the Lord had spoken by Moses."

Exodus 10:1, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: **for I have hardened his heart**, and the heart of his servants, that I might show these My signs before him."

(verse 20), "But the **Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart**, so that he would not let the children of Israel go."

Exodus 10:27," But **the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart**, and he would not let them go."

Exodus 11:10, "And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and **the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart**, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land."

Exodus 14:4, "And **I will harden Pharaoh's heart**, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord. And they did so."

(verse 8), "And the **Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh's** king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand."

(verse 17), "And I, behold, **I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians**, and they shall follow them: and **I will get me honour** upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen."

\*\*\*Deut. 2:30, "But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for **the Lord thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day.**"

(verse 33), "And the Lord our God **delivered him before us**, and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people."

\*\*\*\*Joshua 11:19,20), " *There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle. **For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel to battle, that He might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that He might destroy them, as the Lord commanded Moses.***"

I Samuel 2:25, " *If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, **because the Lord would slay them.***"

II Samuel 24:1, " *And again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and **He moved David against them to say, Go number Israel and Judah.** . . . . "And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the Lord, **I have sinned greatly in that I have done:**" (II Samuel24:10). [Note: the sin was entailed because David did not pay a ransom for each soul numbered, according to the law.]*

I Kings 12:15, " *Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; **for the cause was from the Lord, that He might perform His***

*saying, which the Lord spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat."*

II Chron. 10:15, "*So the king hearkened not unto the people: for **the cause was of God, that the Lord might perform His word**, which He spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat."*

II Chron. 25:16, "*And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him (the prophet), Art thou made of the king's counsel? Forbear: why shouldst thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, **I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this**, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel."*

(verse 20), "*But Amaziah would not hear; **for it came of God, that He might deliver them into the hand of their enemies**, because they sought after the gods of Edom."*

Romans 9:17-18, "*For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even **for this same purpose have I raise thee up, that I might show My power in thee**, and that My name might be declared throughout all*

*the earth. Therefore hath He mercy on whom He will have mercy, **and whom He will He hardeneth.***"

Romans 9: , "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but **Esau have I hated.**"

Malachi 1: 2,3, "I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, Wherein hast Thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? Saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob, and **I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste** for the dragons of the wilderness."

Job 21:30, "and do ye not know their tokens, **that the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction?** They shall be brought forth **to the day of wrath.**"

Psalm 5:5, "The foolish shall not stand in Thy sight: **Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.**"

Psalm 7:10, "God judgeth the righteous, and **God is angry with the wicked every day.**"

Psalm 58:3, "The wicked are **estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.** [If this is as soon as they are born, then consider that "the children not yet being born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God **according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth.**"-Romans 9:11].

Psalm 76:10, "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee: the remainder of wrath shalt **Thou restrain.**"

Proverb 16:4, "The Lord hath made all things for Himself: yea, **even the wicked for the day of evil.**

Job 12:16, "With Him is strength and wisdom: the **deceived** and the **deceiver are His.**"

Job 23:13, "But He is of one mind, and who can turn Him? And what **His soul desireth, even that He doeth.**"

Job 26:13, "By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens; His hand hath **formed the crooked serpent.**"

## SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD OVER ALL THINGS

Deut. 4:35, "*Unto thee it was shown, that thou mightest know that the Lord He is God; there is none else beside Him.*"

I Samuel 2:2, "*There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside Thee: neither is there any rock like our God.*"

I Chron. 17:20, "*O Lord, there is none like Thee, **neither is there any God beside Thee**, according to all that we have heard.*"

Daniel 4:17, "*This matter is **by decree of the watchers**, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most **High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will**, and setteth up over it the **basest of men.***"

Daniel 4:35, "*And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and **He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand**, or say unto Him, What doest Thou.*"

Isaiah 44:6, "*Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and His Redeemer the Lord of hosts; **I am the first and I am the last; and beside Me there is no God.***"

Isaiah 45:5, "*I am the Lord, and there is none else, **there is no God beside Me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known Me.***"

Isaiah 46:9-10, "*Remember the former things of old: **for I am God, and there is none else; and there is none like Me, 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: calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth My counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.***"

Isaiah 55:11, "*So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it **shall accomplish that which I please**, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*"

Ephesians 1:11, "*In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.***"

Proverb 16:1, "*The preparations of the **heart in man**, and the **answer of the tongue**, is of **the Lord**.*"

Proverb 16:9, "*A man's heart deviseth his way; **but the Lord directeth his steps**.*"

Proverb 16:33, "*The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing there is **of the Lord**.*"

Proverb 19:21, "*There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the **counsel of the Lord**, that shall stand.*"

Proverb 20:12, "*The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the **Lord hath made even them both**.*"

Proverb 20:24, "***Man's goings are of the Lord**; how can a man then understand his own way?"*

Proverb 21:1, "***The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord**, as rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever **He will**.*" [If this is said of a "king," how much more can it be said of mere men!]

Eccl. 3:1, "*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.*" (see verses 2-8).

Eccl. 3:14, "*I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: **nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before Him.***"

Eccl. 3:17, "*I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is **a time there for every purpose and for every work.***"

Eccl. 7:13, "*Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, **which He hath made crooked.***"

Deut. 8:18, "*But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for **it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth,** that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*"

Exodus 33:19, "*And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and **will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.***"

Romans 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.***

(verse 16), ***So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."***

It is highly possible – yea, even probable – that the reader of this does not believe in any of these truths. Yet it is certain that if the reader has an honest heart, he cannot dispute that the absolute sovereignty of Almighty God is fully sustained in the Bible, which Bible is the sacred and inspired oracle of God to His Church. Hence, for one to deny these truths is to also deny the Christian faith.

There is a lack of basic honesty for one to claim that he is a "Christian" at the time he is disputing the revelation of the Christian faith; or, it is outrageous to claim one believes "the Bible" and deny its fundamental concepts. Yet, in our apostasy this is rather common, and men doing so seem to have no conscience, conviction, integrity or honesty. Yet they still "profess to be Christians" in the void of that which marks true Christians from all dishonesty and darkness.

God is sovereign over His vast domain. He chose whom He would to various offices, services, and to salvation. He has mercy on whomever He pleases, and He fits wicked men to destruction. He predestinates men to an inheritance and to conformity to the image of Christ. He redeemed fully His chosen ones, and passed by both non-elect angels and men, leaving them to perdition and the just condemnation of their sins without providing them a ransom or the price of redemption. He does all this sovereignly and the scriptures herein prove it undeniably. God is GOD!