

Our Sovereign God Rules and Reigns:

Comments on "Foreknow" and "Predestinated" or "Foreordained" of Romans 8:29

I. ALL Scripture speaks of His Sovereignty:

- a. God's Word is Eternal and existed before Time began.
 - i. **John 1:1-2** "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."
 - 1. While the text speaks of The Lord Jesus Christ He quoted from every OT Book except Esther and Song of Solomon, because those are personal, intimate words to be kept between husband and wife.
 - ii. **Ps. 119:89** "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."
 - 1. The word "forever" is the Greek word for Eternal.
 - iii. **Is. 40:8** "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."
 - 1. Greek "...but The Word of our The God remains into The Eternity."
 - iv. **Matt. 24:35** "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."
 - v. **Matt. 5:18** "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."
- b. Therefore, we know every person, believer or unbeliever, in Scripture did and said EXACTLY what God had written in His Word in Eternity Past.
- c. Every person, believer or unbeliever, at their God Appointed time, did, said, quoting Scripture, what was their Biblical part of His Eternal Perfect Plan.

II. Some Scripture reading Foreknow(PROGINOKSO) and did "Foreordain"(PROOIDA).

a. He works ALL THINGS...

- i. **John 1:3** "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."
- ii. **Rom. 11:36** "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."
- iii. **I Cor. 8:6** "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."
- iv. **Eph. 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:"
- v. **Col. 1:16-17** "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."
- vi. **Rev. 4:11** "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

b. He Sovereignly Purposed...

- i. **Isa 14:24** "The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:"
- ii. **Isa. 14:26-27** "His is The Purpose that is Purposed upon the whole earth: and this is The Hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. For the LORD of hosts hath Purposed, and who shall disannul it? and His Hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" (my capitalizations)
- iii. **Isa 23:9** "The LORD of hosts hath Purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth."

- iv. **Isa 46:11** "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."
- v. **Jer 4:28** "For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have Purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it."
- vi. **Eph 1:9** Having made known unto us the mystery of His Will, according to his Good Pleasure which He hath Purposed in Himself:
- vii. **Eph 3:11** According to The Eternal Purpose which He Purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

c. It is God's Plans that work Good for us.

- i. **Jer. 29:11** "For I know the thoughts that I Think toward you, saith the LORD, Thoughts of Peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."
 - 1. That Expected End is The Hope, the certain, confident expectation of Good we SHALL inherit.

d. He formed us:

- i. **Jer. 1:5** "Before I formed thee in the belly I Knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I Sanctified thee, and I Ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."
- ii. **Isa. 44:24** "Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, and He that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by Myself;"
- iii. **Deut. 32:18** "Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee."
- iv. **Isa. 43:1** "But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have Redeemed thee, I have Called thee by thy name; thou art Mine."
- v. **Ex 4:11** "And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?"

e. He Chose us:

- i. **Eph. 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. **Rev. 13:8** "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."
- iii. **Rev. 17:8** "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

f. He's numbered the hairs of our head(and know when a sparrow falls):

- i. Luke 12:6-7 "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." (Matt. 10:30 too)
 - 1. As we saw in Acts 12:23 when herod agrippa I was smitten by The Lord it says "And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost."
 - a. The word "gave up the ghost" (or "breathed his last") is EK-PSUCHE, translated "life" or "soul".
 - b. PSUCHE speaks of the "life source" the individual "human life" of men.
 - 2. When The Lord died He "gave up The Spirit" EK-PNEUMA.
 - 3. .herod died as a man without "spiritual life"

4. In Greek tradition when a man "breathed his last" PSUCHE, that PSUCHE went to Hades. (breathed his last and that breath went to its source – Spiritual death.)
5. When Christ breathed His Last, He gave up His Spirit which returned to its source, which is God.

g. He numbers our days:

- i. **Job 14:5** "Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with Thee, Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;"
- ii. **Ps. 139:16** "Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance; And in Thy Book they were all written, Even the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was none of them."
- iii. **Jer. 29:11** "For I know The Thoughts that I Think toward you, saith the LORD, Thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."
 1. I suggest to us that "expected end" is the Certain, Confident Expectation of Good that is Our Hope spoken of in 8:24 & 25.
- iv. **Deut. 32:39** "See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god with Me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of My Hand."

h. He knows our needs before we ask:

- i. **Matt. 6:8** "Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father Knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him."
 1. The word "before" in the Greek is PRO.
 2. The same "PRO" that is the prefix to PROGINOSKO and PROODIA.
 3. I believe it is saying BEFORE we even know to ask, before we perceive we have a need to ask, He already Knows; He's Sovereign.

i. He bottles our tears:

- i. **Ps 56:8** "Thou Tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into Thy Bottle: are they not in Thy Book?"
- ii. Think about that. I believe He is saying before we know we have a reason to cry, He already has our particular, special, intimate bottle beneath our eyes to catch the first tear.
- iii. Where are these bottles of tears? Are they there in Heaven now?