

Eph. 1: 4, 5, 11

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SUBJECT: The Doctrine of  
Predestination

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THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Text: I am to speak of the mighty God who holds the world in hollow of his hand  
 : Eph. 1: 4a, 5a, 9-11, 3: 9a, 11

1. Difficult to finite minds.

Syngon - 2 lines. I cannot make them meet; you can not make them cross.  
 Oracles - 2 sides of a house at a time. In air, all 4. One finite mind is utterly lost  
 Mathia. - no philosophy reveals them.

2. But a trust of revelation, of history, of experience. ~~God's sovereignty~~  
 \$ at the foot of every page in annals of nations, say to writers, "God reigns."  
 His sovereignty in theology denoted as "decrees." He shall use "plans."

(1) Belongs to perfection of God to have a plan, the best plan possible.

The greater the understanding, the greater the plan.  
 The more masterful the workman, the more mind the plan in his mind.

St. Basil: 7 towers  
 surmounting  
 the wall

Christ's soul is guiding, architect in building, but in a more grand as true, spirit of  
 God directing three orders, left, history of creation.

(2) God saw, thought out, loved through, plan of redemption, in history, before world created.

Meaning of logos. St. John. term. ~~St. John~~ The other mind, reason, appearance of plan  
 The logos made flesh. A chance, accident: Gen. 4: 4 "fruit of the tree" ~~Gen. 4: 4~~  
 I Gen. 1: 20 "land from land" ~~Gen. 1: 20~~  
 Gen. 13: 8 "land from land" ~~Gen. 13: 8~~

3. Cannot be subverted.

(1) By age or time. ~~Abraham is said to have lived~~  
 (a) Abraham 100: Sarah 90 Gen. 18: 14 Sarah laughed: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"  
 : But you are before, and I do not know.

(2) By human decree

Ex. 1: 16, 22. King of Egypt, planning to cruel slave people.  
 Pharaoh said, Gen. 15, 500 years before he was born, God had promised, by two  
 immediate things - his word his oath - this subversion. of Rom 9: 17

(3) By death.

Heb. 2: 14 Set free the slaves of death: his first instrument, to frustrate the progress of God.  
 Righteous Abel : to slay the seed.  
 It should be done every male child in Adam  
 D Chron. 22. Athaliah, daughter of Jezebel, to destroy seed royal. (found his)  
 Here, sturdy sword over manger  
 The stark language of the cross - seal on the stone } But the mystery hid in the  
 - watch before grave. } eternal world of God?  
 But the progress, decrees of God. In gospel raised triumphant.  
 The fountain of redemption flows.



St. Paul's & London existed in memory of his  
Christyler when before a stone laid, a foundation  
prepared.

Michael Angelo saw statue Moses in  
shape his neck before a chisel set against the stone  
Raphael saw the beautiful Sistine Madonna  
before his brush touched the stone