

## **Why Does God Not Choose All Mankind for Salvation?**

Why does our holy, righteous and gracious God choose only a portion of fallen humanity to love, elect and predestine to salvation?

Why does He not love all equally?

In our culture there is a critically negative 'proverb' which we have all heard.

It goes something like this:

"Women who claim to have the 'right' to abort are, in effect, 'playing God', choosing who lives and who dies."

The underlying truth in the proverb 'playing God' is the fact that God DOES have the right to do with His creation as He pleases because He IS God and there is no other.

Our God has made ALL things for Himself:

<sup>4</sup> *The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil* (Proverbs 16:4).

Paul reiterates this truth in Romans 11:36:

*For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

As Creator and sovereign Lord our God has certain inalienable rights.

One of those inalienable rights is the right to create as it so pleases Him:

*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* (Rev. 4:11).

Moreover, His inalienable rights extend to predetermining the eternal destinies of His creatures before they were even born, not yet having done good or evil.

This truth Paul discusses in Romans 9.

When Paul's opposition raise the question of God's apparent injustice when the omnipotent God has predetermined the eternal destruction of fallen men who are impotent to do anything to change the course of their destiny (Romans 9:19), Paul responds, *Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?*

In essence, Paul is arguing the inalienable right of God to do with His own as He pleases; whose will is the absolute authority of what is righteous, good and just.

It pleases God, according to His inscrutable will of good pleasure, to love many unlovable men because it pleases Him to show them mercy which they do not deserve.

It also pleases God, according to His inscrutable will of good pleasure, to deny mercy to many unlovable men because it pleases Him to show them justice which they do deserve.

Jesus emphasizes God's inalienable right to give or withhold in Matthew 11:25-26):

*At that time Jesus answered and said, **I thank thee, O Father**, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.*

<sup>26</sup> *Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.*

Jesus praised His Father, who is Lord over all, for permanently blinding some while opening the blind eyes of others.

The cause for God's working in such mysterious ways is found only in the inscrutable will of God's good pleasure: it seemed good in His sight to do so.

And because it seemed good in His sight to do so, He is to be praised and thanked.

*.....giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ....(Ephesians 5:20).*