

Divine Election (Pt. 6)

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1. Scripture teaches that God justly selects some to whom He shows mercy (15-16).
2. Scripture teaches that God justly passes by others to whom He shows justice (17-18).

Election vs. Reprobation

1. In election God actively chooses; in reprobation He passes by.
2. In election God chooses with great delight; in reprobation he passes over with great sorrow.
3. In election the cause for the sinner's salvation lies in God alone; in reprobation the cause for the sinner's damnation lies in the sinner alone.
4. In election the ground is God's grace; in reprobation the ground lies in God's justice.

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1. A Second Common Objection to Election (19)

- "You teach God decides who gets mercy and whom He hardens (19a)."
- "Then, it is God's will that determines our destiny (19c)."
- "That means God has no right to blame or judge us (19b)."

2. An Answer about Free Will (20-23)

a. An Understanding of the Question

Man's Free Will?

- The real question: To what extent is man's will affected by original sin? Or, does man have a free will? Or, in what sense is man's will free?
- Will is that faculty of the soul that makes choices.
- Free
 - Freedom of Indifference (Secular, Neutral-will Theory)
 - Freedom of Contrary Choice
 - Freedom of Self-determination*

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a. An Understanding of the Question

b. A Biblical Perspective on Man's Free Will

- Man's will is free to make real choices in keeping with his desires.
- Man's will is not free from his own depravity.

c. A Biblical Apologetic for God's Free Will (20-23)