

# ***GOD THE FATHER***



***"God of Relationship &  
Provision"***

# ***HE LOVES & PROVIDES***



**Psalm 111:1, 4-5**

**1 Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

**4 He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. 5 He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**

# ***THE FATHER'S CHOICE***

**Eph 1:3-6**

**3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he *predestined* us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.**

**Note: Although predestination is the act of the Trinity who are one in counsel, in the economy of salvation, it is more particularly attributed to the Father.**

***(see John 17:6,9; Rom. 8:29; Eph 1:4; 1 Peter 1:3).***

# ***THE CHRISTIAN'S WORLD VIEW***



- **God the Father planned the world**
- **God the Father created the world**
- **God the Father sustains the world**
- **God the Father governs the world**
  
- **There is nothing more offensive to the unbelieving mind than the fact that God controls all human and *providential* activity.**

**(God's sovereign plan, control, and government of the world )**

# ***PREDESTINATION***



**Eph 1:9-11**

**9** And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, **10** to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. **11** In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, **12** in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

# ***PREDESTINATION***



## **Definition**

**Predestination—simplistically put, God the Father has predetermined the destiny of all moral or rational creatures including both angels and men.**

# ***TRUE RELATIONSHIP***

**Matt 12:46-50**

**46 While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. 47 Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." 48 He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49 Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."**

# ***JEHOVAH JIREH***



**Gal 6:9, 10**

**9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

*"But it may be worth our while to ask for a moment what it was exactly that Abraham expected the Lord to provide. We generally use the expression in reference to outward things, and see in it the assurance that we shall not be left without the supply of the necessities for which, because God has made us to feel them, He has bound Himself to make provision." Alexander Maclaren*

# ***GOD OF RELATION & PROVISION***



## **I Peter 5:6-10**

**6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace (*God the Father*), who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.**