

FREE WILL

Since God can cause one person to find favor in the sight of someone else, people don't have **free will**. God has control over who we favor.

- **Genesis 39:21:** "But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison."
- **1 Samuel 10:26:** "And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched."

People don't have **free will**. God hardens people's hearts as He pleases so that they do what He wants them to do.

- **Exodus 4:21:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go."
- **Exodus 7:3:** "And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt."
- **Exodus 9:12:** "And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses."
- **Exodus 10:1:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:"
- **Exodus 14:4:** "And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he

shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so."

Under the Mosaic Law, if the Israelites offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God, it had to be offered of their own **free will**. (In other words, thanksgiving sacrifices were optional, not required.)

- **Leviticus 22:29:** "And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will."

Since God determines what decisions people make, that means people don't have **free will**.

- **Deuteronomy 2:30:** "But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day."

God has control over people's heart. (This means people don't have **free will**.)

- **Joshua 11:20:** "For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses."

If God controls our heart and our words then we don't have **free will**.

- **Proverbs 16:1:** "The preparations of the heart in man,

and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD."

Since God is the one who sets the direction of our life, we don't have **free will**. We may make plans, but God directs our steps.

- **Proverbs 16:9:** "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps."
- **Proverbs 20:24:** "Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?"

Kings don't have **free will**. They do whatever God wants them to do.

- **Proverbs 21:1:** "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."

Since God has control over our ways and our heart, that means we don't have **free will**.

- **Jeremiah 32:39:** "And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:"

Since rulers can only do whatever God has predetermined, that means people don't have **free will**.

- **Acts 4:27-28:** "For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy

counsel determined before to be done."

The Bible teaches predestination. It doesn't teach **free will**.

- **Ephesians 1:5:** "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"

Since all things are done in accordance to the will of God, that means we don't have **free will**. The things that happen are God's decision, not ours.

- **Ephesians 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:"

If God has predestined our works then that means we don't have **free will**.

- **Ephesians 2:10:** "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

If Jesus preserves us and keeps us in the faith then that means we don't have **free will**.

- **Jude 1:1:** "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:"

The evil men who are putting the church in danger were

predestined by God to do what they're doing. This is more evidence against **free will**.

- **Jude 1:4:** "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."