Meant to Be – Part II (2 Peter 1:10)

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INTRODUCTION

- Four major forces at work in the world, of course, the greatest of which is God Himself, and nothing happens outside of his purview or him allowing it to occur.
- God knowing the future and being able to forecast what is going to occur does not cause the choices that people make in regard to personal freedom of choice.

1 If It Is Meant to Be, Will It Be?

2 Corinthians 5:10–11

- We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the things done in our body, whether they be good or bad.
- I set before you the way of life and death, blessing and adversity. He said, you need to choose.
- Knowing the terror of the Lord, what does Paul say? We persuade men.
- You can't just sit back and say, well, whatever is meant to be, it'll be.

2 Moses and the Circumcision of His Son

- Now it came about at the lodging place on the way that the Lord met him and sought to put him to death.
- Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin.
- Perhaps we should learn that our distaste for instruction we don't like is not in our best interests.
- We don't have to understand all that God wants us to do. We just need to acknowledge who he is and who we are and comply.

3 Open Doors Do Not Guarantee Results

1 Corinthians 16:9; Colossians 4:3; Matthew 7:7

- For a wide door for effectual service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.
- The fact there are open doors do not guarantee results.
- God opens doors, and he expects Christians like Paul to walk through the doors.
- Ask, and it will be given unto you. Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and the door shall be open.

4 Chosen in Him Before the Foundation of the World

Ephesians 1:4; Revelation 18:4

- Just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

- You can't take one verse and draw it out and draw conclusions and build your theology and then just ignore everything else.
- And I heard another voice from heaven saying, come out of her, my people. That you may not participate in her sins.
- The Lord will know that you were going to make that choice. But that doesn't mean he caused the choice. If he did, there wouldn't be the invitations.

5 You Cannot Remove Personal Choice

- Every nation, he who fears God and does what is right is accepted of him. That sounds like a choice, doesn't it?
- God would have all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.
- He's not wishing that any should perish. But that all should come to repentance.
- You can't make the doctrine of predestination work with these passages. You just can't. You cannot remove personal choice from the equation.

6 What Is Meant to Be in Your Life?

Romans 9; 2 Peter 1:10; Isaiah 35:8

- What is meant for you and me is a choice. You can either be a vessel of honor, useful to the master, prepared for every good work, or you can choose to be a vessel of wrath.
- Inclusion in God's things and spiritual growth are no accident.
- Make certain of his calling and choosing you.
- God has provided the means, and we are completely dependent upon him. But I want to tell you that does not change your responsibility in salvation by grace through faith.

THE CHALLENGE

What will you decide about your spiritual destiny? Obedience to the Lord is good. It's sensible. And it's rewarding like nothing else is. Choose while there's time and opportunity.

MY NOTES