


# PREDESTINATION

WHAT IS GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU?



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- **TOTAL HEREDITARY DEPRAVITY**
  - **UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION**
  - **LIMITED ATONEMENT**
  - **IRRESISTIBLE GRACE**
  - **PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS**

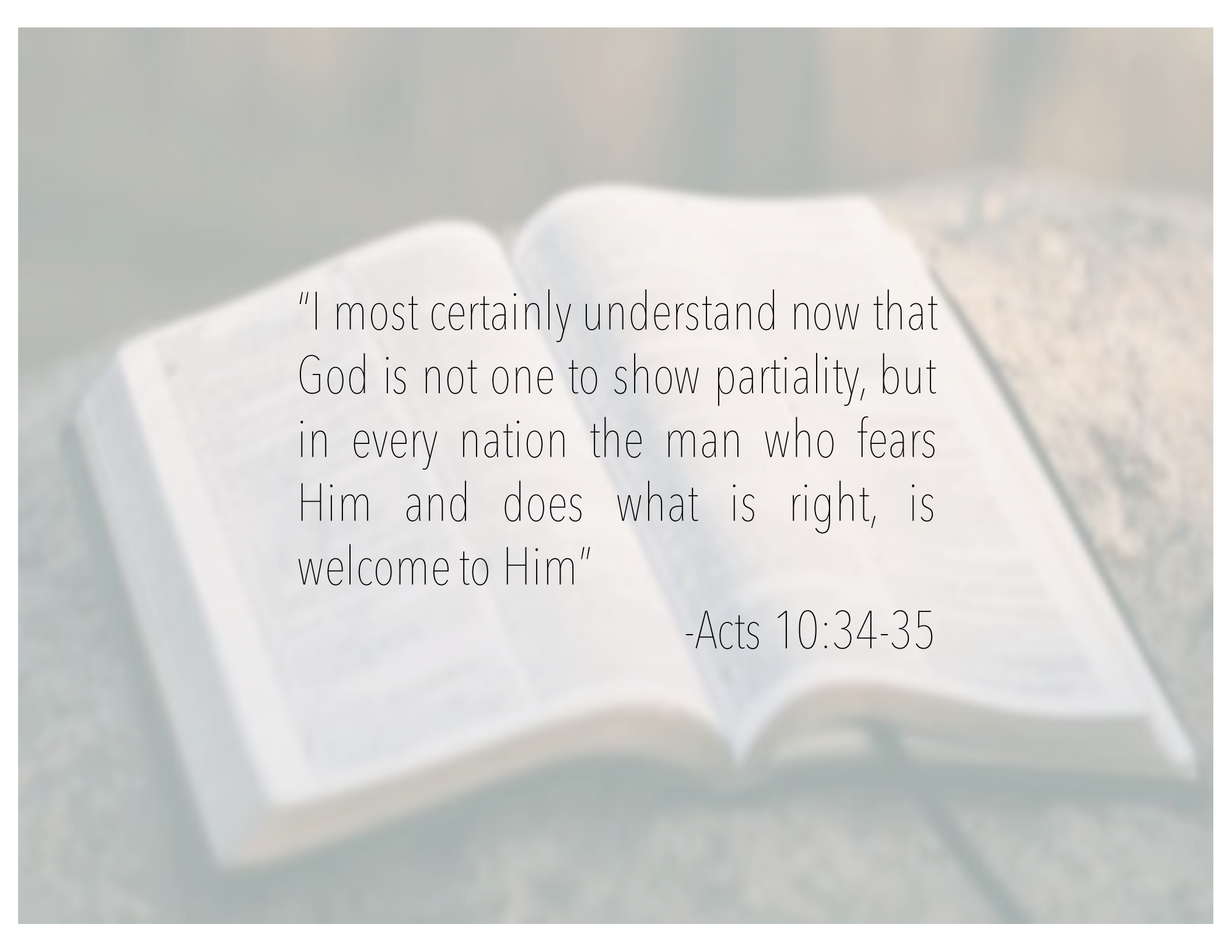
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"God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass... By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestined unto life, and others foreordained to everlasting death. These angels and men, thus predestined and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed; and their number is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished" (The Confession Of Faith Of The Presbyterian Church, USA, Chapter 111, "Of God's Eternal Decree").

An open book with white pages and a dark cover is shown from a high angle. The book is open to two pages, and the text is overlaid on the right page. The background is a soft, out-of-focus greyish-blue.

"I most certainly understand now that  
God is not one to show partiality, but  
in every nation the man who fears  
Him and does what is right, is  
welcome to Him"

-Acts 10:34-35

- Ephesians 1:3-5 – Not personal identification, but character and quality are predestined. Free will is built in to the context (vv. 12-13). What is predetermined is salvation through the work of Christ (vv. 9-10, 13-14).
- Acts 4:27-28 – The plan was predestined. Anybody who becomes a citizen of Christ's kingdom becomes part of something that was planned long ago (1 Corinthians 2:6-8).
- Romans 8:29-30 – We are not individually, selectively predestined, but our conformity to Christ is.
- Also, foreknowing is not the same as foreordaining. God may foreknow something without making it happen. Obedience is still not canceled out (1 Peter 1:2).

# PREDESTINATION IN THE BIBLE

**FOREKNOWLEDGE MEANS GOD  
KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN**

(WITHOUT NECESSARILY BEING THE CAUSE OF IT)

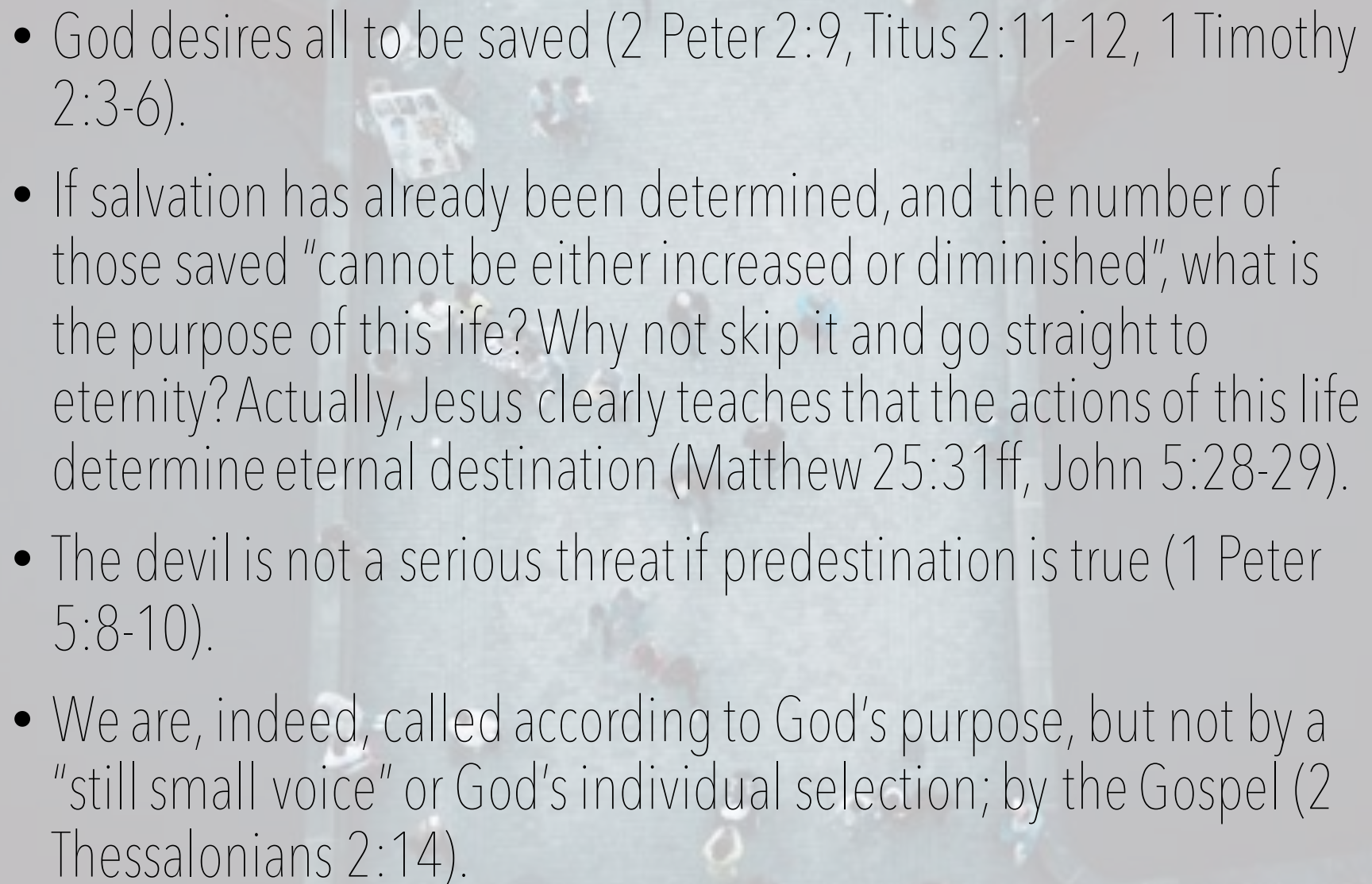
**PREDESTINATION MEANS A CERTAIN  
PLAN, STRUCTURE, OR EXPECTATION  
HAS BEEN PREDETERMINED**

(AND FREE WILL ULTIMATELY DETERMINES YOUR  
PLACE IN THAT PLAN)

An aerial, high-angle photograph of a busy city street. The street is paved with cobblestones and is filled with numerous pedestrians walking in various directions. The scene is captured in a dark, moody color palette, likely during the "blue hour" or at night with artificial lighting. The text "GOD IS NOT SELECTIVE OR PARTIAL" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

**GOD IS NOT SELECTIVE OR PARTIAL**



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- An aerial photograph of a crowded outdoor event, possibly a fair or festival, with many people and a sign visible. The image is dark and serves as a background for the text.
- God desires all to be saved (2 Peter 2:9, Titus 2:11-12, 1 Timothy 2:3-6).
  - If salvation has already been determined, and the number of those saved "cannot be either increased or diminished", what is the purpose of this life? Why not skip it and go straight to eternity? Actually, Jesus clearly teaches that the actions of this life determine eternal destination (Matthew 25:31ff, John 5:28-29).
  - The devil is not a serious threat if predestination is true (1 Peter 5:8-10).
  - We are, indeed, called according to God's purpose, but not by a "still small voice" or God's individual selection; by the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14).