

# God's Decrees, Knowledge and Foreordination

God has, from all eternity, decreed the outcome of all of the events of human history and accomplishes them by His Providence. He therefore has ordained and approved the specific ends of all things according to His own free, wise and Holy Counsel.

**Jonathon Edwards on the Decrees of God**  
*"Whether God has decreed all things that ever come to pass or not, all that own the being of a God, own that He knows all things beforehand. Now, it is self-evident that if He knows all things beforehand, He doth approve of them or doth not approve of them; that is, He is either willing they should be, or He is not willing they should be. But to will that they should be is to decree them."*

**Isaiah 14:24** - 24 The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, **"Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand."** NASB

**Ephesians 1:11** - also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined **according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,** NASB

Acts 2:23, 4:27  
**JESUS the CHRIST**

The Final Judgment

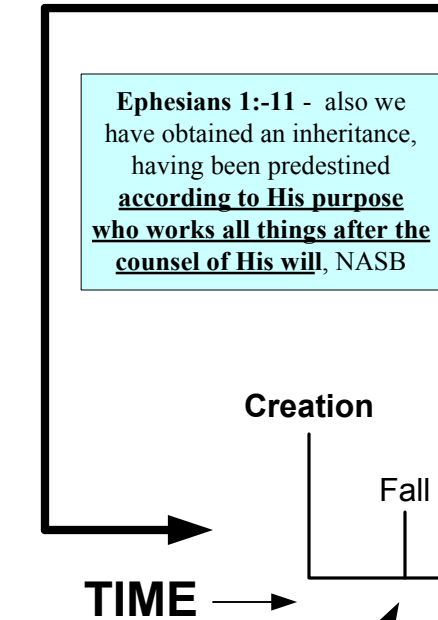
Eternal Life

God knows who lives forever and who dies forever

Eternal Death

**OMNISCIENCE**  
 God's knows the record of Human History from **before** He created the world  
**OMNIPOTENCE & OMNIPRESENCE**  
 God's has the power to change the outcome of any event in History that He wills

**Isaiah 46:9-10** - 9 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, '**My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure**;' NASB



God **ordained** from all eternity that mankind would **FALL** in the garden so that He could redeem a people from all races, (Rev 5:9-10) every tribe and language and nation and people! **Romans 11:32** – *For God has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all.* NASB

**Jonathon Edwards on the Problem of Evil**  
 "God decreed from all eternity all the evil that He ever does permit, because God's permitting is God's forbearing to act or to prevent. It can be made evident by reason that nothing can come to pass but what is the will and pleasure of God should come to pass."