

an appointment with destiny

"in Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will" eph 1:11

we all have an appointment with destiny - some of us good and some bad. from the moment of conception, God knows what delight and desires each heart will entertain during their life. what? you don't believe it? "declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done." isa 46:10

He doesn't predetermine our choice. He only predestines the outcome of that choice. God sets before all of us a choice. "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live." deut 30:19 the choice we make will determine the destiny we ultimately face.

what is God's will in the matter? that we "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." rom 12:2 that is His will - but not His choice. that He has left up to each of us.

every since His original creation we were all born into sin and condemnation. "he who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the

only begotten Son of God." john 3:18 (even to this day parents have a lasting effect on their children - fair or not.)

the good news, the gospel, is that the God of all righteousness and justice, rectified the situation by rectifying that original sin, therefore giving all of us a chance to choose again - for ourselves. "the fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall die for his own sin." 2 chron 25:4 so again, the choice is ours.

there is a predetermined destiny for each choice, but the choice is binary. there are only two - blessing and cursing, good and evil, life and death. i know it's hard for many to even comprehend, but there are those who delight in the works of darkness and despite seeing goodness. in the poem "paradise lost," milton wrote: "better to reign in hell, than to serve in heaven." they will get their desire, but reigning will be filled with weeping and gnashing of teeth. even he who thinks he reigns will know torment as no other.

me? "i would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness." psa 84:10 so is all who know His name and love His appearing. we have a destiny awaiting us; a glorious destiny. "it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." 1 john 3:2 we shall be like Him, recreated in the image of God.

what a day that will be,

when my Jesus i shall see,
and i look upon His face,
the One who saved me by His grace;
when He takes me by the hand,
and leads me through the promised land,
what a day, glorious day that will be.

be sure what destiny awaits you. you will forever be
reaping the seeds you sow now. be sure of the seeds
you are planting.