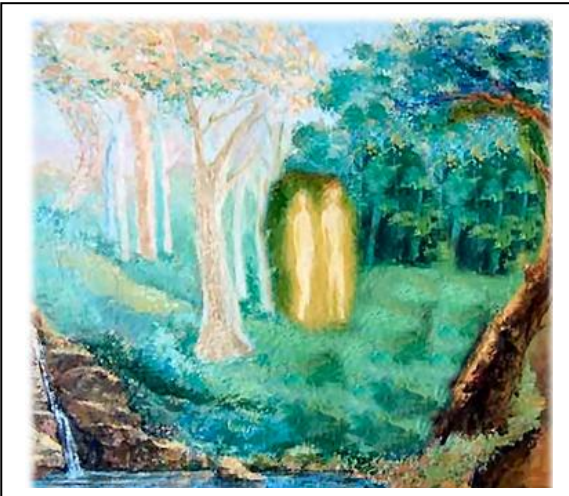


The Sovereignty of God & the Dominion of Man

This lesson discusses the meaning of God's sovereignty. The lesson also examines the degree to which mankind has free choice. It takes the view that God's absolute knowledge of man's future choices would be incompatible with those choices being truly free. It resolves this problem by the contention that God, although omniscient, limits himself or "chooses" not to know absolutely, the future choices of his creation (sentient beings) in all but a few cases. How then does God get his plans implemented if man has free will? This lesson will show that when a future action will be important to God's plan, he chooses people who will willingly obey his direction, freely submitting their will to his (just as Jesus did, "thy will be done"). Without God "forcing them".

Many things that have been taught about God and his nature cannot be supported by scripture. And scripture is the place to start when understanding God's plans and purposes. So as Paul complimented the Bereans (Acts 17:11) for their diligence in searching the scriptures to validate his teaching we urge the same.

Mans dominion?



Genesis 1:26 ¶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

The Bible tells us in Genesis that God gave man dominion. A dictionary definition for dominion as a noun might give such words as "Kingdom", or "Realm", as an adjective it might state "Rulership", or "Authority". In the Genesis example, it was clearly to have been both. God gave man a kingdom, immediately. And had he continued in obedience, full future Authority over that kingdom.

The bible tells us that the creation of man was from a body that God had formed. We assume that this was a full grown body. But I believe it would be wrong to assume much else. Although they were presumably fully developed adults in the flesh, Adam and Eve were not ready for complete rulership. They were "babes in the spirit". They were not ready to discern between "good and evil". What is the biblical evidence for stating this?

Deuteronomy makes it clear that it is "little ones", children in other words who cannot discern between good and evil. That was what Adam and Eve were.

Deuteronomy 1:39 Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

It may have been God's long term intent that when they had become fully mature "Sons of God", that they would have been able to have knowledge of "good and evil", but the source of such knowledge should have come from God. As yet in any case they were not mature enough. A newborn baby cannot be given meat or else it will choke and die.

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Although mankind had been created to be heir to the earth, (psalms 115:16) they needed to grow

Psalms 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Into the full maturity of sonship. Because of this, God placed "Helpers" (Tutors and Guardians) to guide assist and teach his creation that he had "made in his image". That is why Lucifer was in the garden. He was there as a Guardian and tutor. The word translated as serpent, is the Hebrew word "Nachash", when taken as an adjective it means "bright and shining". This is what appeared to Eve. A bright and shining being that may have had a physical form that looked snakelike or reptilian, but was most certainly not a snake. How do we know this? Well God tells us in the book of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

The bible makes it plain that angels were commissioned by God to look after the "sons of God" (Adam).

Psalms 91:11 for he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Matthew 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister (look after) for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

This is what Paul is alluding to in Galatians 4

Galatians 4:1 ¶ Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

This explains why God allowed Lucifer in the Garden. He was there as a guardian and teacher. That was why Eve was not surprised to be talking to this being, she had encountered him before. Many do not understand why Satan was in the garden, being the evil creature that he was. They have

been taught that the fall had already occurred. But again scripture gives us the true understanding that this was not so.

Genesis 1:31 ¶ And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Notice at the end of the sixth day “everything that he had made (everything allows no exceptions, that includes Lucifer) was very good! The angels were there to look after Gods children. Psalms 91:11, Hebrews 1:14 (see detailed study on the sonship for a more comprehensive explanation). In fact Lucifer did not receive a curse until after the temptation of Eve.

Now that we have an understanding of the situation in the garden, we can now discuss what type of dominion and choices Adam and Eve were given.

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Let us examine Genesis 2:16. Notice the wording of the verse. God says “of EVERY tree thou mayest FREELY eat”. In this verse God is reaffirming that Adam and Eve had choices. He is not limiting their choices of ANY of the trees, even the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, He is not going to stop them. Verse 17 then goes on to state Gods warning and commandment against eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In other words God said you can eat from any tree, but you should not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or else that very day you will die!

We see that God also gave him the choice to name the animals.

Genesis 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

As Paul explained previously in Galatians, although the heir, he was still under governors and tutors. As a child grows in maturity wisdom and knowledge, he is given increasing responsibility. Eventually when he is grown he is able to discern (make wise choices).

At some future time, his earthly children would have gained the knowledge of good and evil without it causing death. But like a baby given meat, choking, and possibly death results. Isaiah again hints at this in chapter 28.

Isaiah 28:9 ¶ Whom shall he teach knowledge? [Good and evil ?] and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

Until till then the regency was held by the “watchers (guardians). And would continue to be so until a mature, obedient son of God could appear to claim the full. Those decisions made by them carried the force of dominion and were totally theirs. They were real decisions and choices (Gen 2:19.....Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof), if this was not the case, then Gods word concerning dominion would have been false.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." (NIV)

This lesson would like to advance the concept that this dominion extended to man himself (all creatures). But what does that mean to have dominion of "man". Part of what Adam lost when he sinned was control over the flesh. We now commit sins because we cannot fully control our fleshly desires.

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Dominion then as given by God, extended to mankind originally having the ability to overcome and control the flesh. Mans nature was in subjection and man was sinless until he disobeyed. Jesus who is called the "second man Adam", Like the first Adam was perfect, but unlike the first Adam, fulfilled all the terms of sonship including obedience to death on the cross.

Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

When Adam sinned mankind lost the dominion over the earth. He lost dominion over the creatures (they became wild), and most important of all he lost the dominion of his own body, i.e. in other words the flesh. The ability to live a sinless life by his own control of his flesh was now not possible.

Man's sin nature here is revealed as the loss of control and authority over the flesh! *This point is the real revelation of how Adam made many sinners!* God makes this plain when making the rainbow covenant.

Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more everything living, as I have done.

"Evil from his youth". In other words God stated that mans ability of himself or of his own choice to be free from sin was now gone. So since man was going to sin, until God could bring about a new body and a new covenant with new terms of dominion, the spiritual laws (the laws of perfection) required offerings as a penalty for the inevitable sins of mankind.

The worse part of the situation was that before he sinned man had the full authority to not sin (which means simply breaking any of Gods rules). He did not have the full judgment to decide what was wrong or right (truth or falsehood), but he had the ability to obey. After he sinned he gained the ability to discern (see that they were naked, gained knowledge i.e., physical truth). But lost the spiritual covering that would have given them the ability to put the physical truth in context (the covering spirit that God had breathed into man, died immediately) His flesh was no longer under his dominion. It was under Lucifer's!

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

But by listening and carrying out Lucifer's wishes in opposition to their sovereign, they ceded their claim on dominion of the earthly kingdom, and unwittingly also the flesh. All that was left was their ability gained from the tree to "discern" moral choices. Notice that did not mean they had the ability to carry out the right choice, just the ability to know which they "should" choose. No longer had they complete authority over the earth and all living creatures upon the earth (the animals became wild).

As outlined before, they lost authority over their own flesh (since they were also "living creatures") while they gained knowledge of wrong from right, they could no longer always control the flesh to choose correctly because the authority of the flesh belonged to Satan (His servants ye are whom ye obey....).

What was left of the dominion after Adam and Eve sinned? What was left was dominion of the soul (intellect or mind) or the "intent of the heart" (Choice of the mind). Satan now had the power of death of the body. Mankind could only be perfect in his intent, not his actions. But since the actions are so closely linked to the mind, the guilt brought about by sinful actions, crippled the soul. The Apostle Paul explained the dilemma very clearly in Romans chapter 7



Romans 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

So after mans fall he had choices that were limited by his own nature, Not Gods actions.

Gods Sovereignty

Genesis 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

The second scriptural evidence of God limiting his sovereignty, in order to keep his promise of dominion is found in Genesis 2:19. Previous to this verse after each creative act God "calls or names" his creation, showing his dominion. But in this case he brought the animals to Adam "to see what he would call them". If God always has absolute future knowledge then this verse needs another explanation, because God would not have to "see" what Adam would name them.

The meaning of free will.

Before we explore further, we need to define what is the commonly accepted definition of free will. Usually, free will is defined in terms of the ability to choose between actions. The ability to take an action “A” or refrain from taking action “A”. This definition of free will is incompatible with Gods absolute knowledge because whenever God chooses to know about a future action, he can never be mistaken.

That leads to the obvious conclusion that whenever an action appears to present choices, e.g. “taken or refrained from being taken”, and God has chosen to “know absolutely” that outcome beforehand, then by the definition of free will, no other choice is possible because as stated before God in his omniscience can never be wrong, The alternative action did not exist and was never really an option.

Some argue that Gods foreknowledge is not incompatible with our free choices. But if that’s the case then the whole point of being born and living a long sometimes painful life for billions of people would seem to give us a very negative picture of a loving caring God. Because he could just “Jump to the end of the book” and save many eons of human misery if he already absolutely knew who would “be saved” and who would not. The whole episode in the Garden of allowing the tree, and yet knowing definitively that man would fall would seem incongruous with the very definition of a loving God.

It is in fact because he is a loving and caring God that God does not “choose to know” absolutely the future. This is the true meaning of the dominion he gave mankind. By giving man dominion God

gave up something. Before giving man dominion of all that was on earth (including man himself) all belonged to him. So something must have changed. You logically cannot have everything; give up some of what you have and still have everything. That something was Gods absolute knowledge of future moral choices. Some examples in scripture will illustrate the point. In the case of Sodom and Gomorrah we find God gaining knowledge! Finding out!

Genesis 18:20 And the LORD said, because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Here is an example where God has limited his power and behaves as if he is localized and not omnipresent. And speaking about a future event says “I will know”. Another of example of God limiting his knowledge of a future action is seen in the case of the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham. It’s not until Abraham has bound and laid Isaac on the wood and has raised the knife to slay him that God stops him. In Genesis 22 verse 12 we read the following;



And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know (present tense) that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

The strongest evidence for God choosing not to “know/choose” the future is seen in several verses where the scriptures speak of God “repenting” or in modern English “changing his mind”. This would make no sense and not have much of a logical explanation if God already knew the outcome, there would be no need to change a decision he had already made!

Genesis 6:6 ¶And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

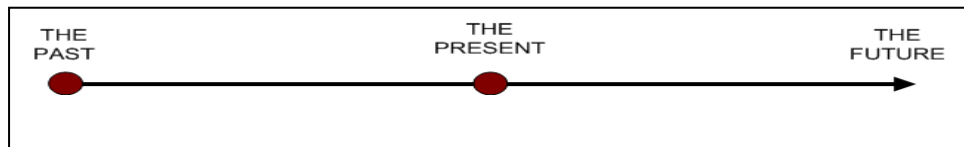
1 Samuel 15:35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Jonah 3:10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil(destruction), that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

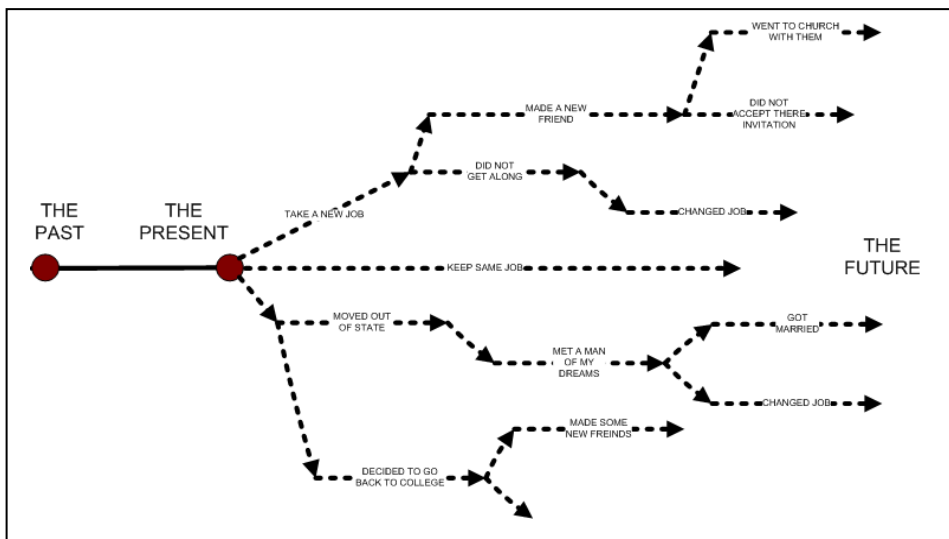
The truth is God is not surprised by decisions, but he can be disappointed. Where Gods omniscience reigns is that he knows all the possible choices, but rarely preordains them from the aspect of his divinity.

Possibilities and the nature of time.

Many people have a concept of time as a straight Line stretching from ages past to ages yet to come



But science has determined that, this picture or concept of time is not true. But instead the future is composed of myriad possibilities.



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choose, create creator, cut down, dispatch, do, make fat		
A primitive root; (absolutely) to create; (qualified) to cut down (a wood), select, feed (as formative processes) -- choose, create (creator), cut down, dispatch, do, make (fat).		
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What God “knows” are all the future possible choices. These myriad future possibilities “exist in a sense” in that until they become impossible they can be “actualized”(become real by being chosen). How do they become impossible? Once a choice is made the other possible choices which happen to be mutually exclusive, become no longer available e.g. If yesterday I chose to wear a red shirt to work, it has become impossible for me to now wear a green shirt yesterday to work. The possibility of wearing a green shirt existed until I made a choice.

Lets return to some scriptures to show that the future does not exist it is

actualized (brought into being) by choices, ours and Gods. We see in Isaiah 48 God speaking to Israel about their repeated disobedience. He tells them that he warned them of future punishments before bringing such punishments about.

Isaiah 48:6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. This verse could very well be translated “They are chosen now, and not from the beginning” (Bara also means to choose!).

In verse seven God makes it plain that the future events did not already exist. “They are created(chosen) now, and not from the beginning”. The point being that God also has choices for those things that belong to him namely Israel.

The other interesting thing about this verse is the use of the word “Bara” translated “created”. Strong’s exhaustive concordance shows that it can also be translated “Choose”!.

*Genesis 41:32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and **God will shortly bring it to pass.***

*Isaiah 46:11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, **I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.***

In the foregoing verses we again see that any particular future event or action that God wants does not exist, but when he chooses, he brings it to pass, (“I will also do it”)

Understanding when God chooses to know absolutely

There are times when God chooses to choose, and by doing so determines the future. This is not unfair or unjust. Why should the creator not have a choice? We exercise choice over our possessions, things that belong to us. We make choices for our children. They may not agree with our choices but we still exercise them because they are under our dominion.

We choose for our children because we have greater knowledge and experience and we wish to shape and mold their growth. We do this because we think it is going to save them many bad choices. We are by choosing for them short cutting an otherwise painful and time consuming process that they otherwise would have to experience.

God exercises choices on the same basis. Those who belong to his dominion are subject to “his choices”. Israel as a nation was created by God for his own purpose of redeeming mans dominion from Lucifer/Satan. So as his “child” he made choices for them. He chose them for many reasons. As a channel for the future redeemer, as a model or type of his overall plan, and several other reasons outside of this lesson.

The bible and possibilities

What does the Bible say about the future ? Is there only one path forward ? Does the bible show that the future is undefined and composed of possibilities ?

1 Samuel 23:10 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

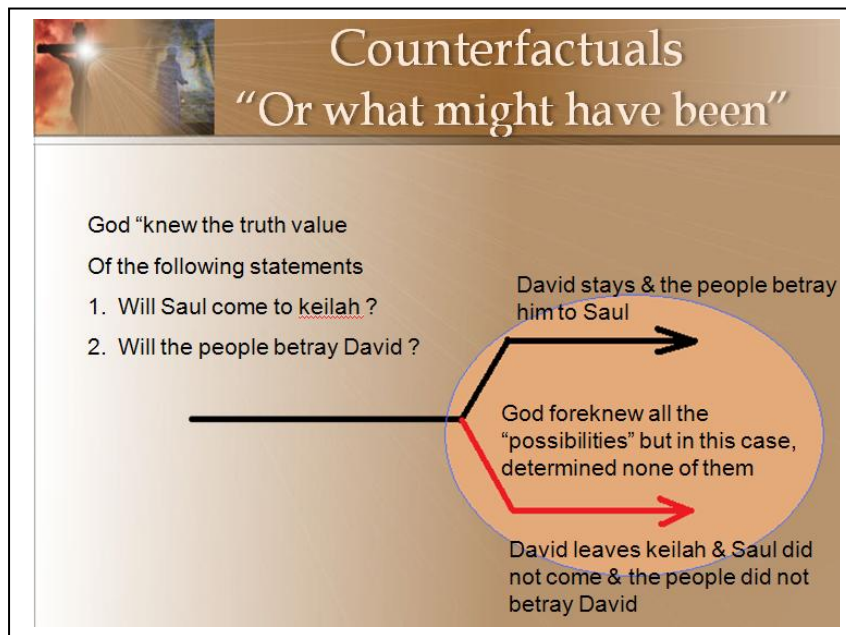
12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.

David here is fleeing from Saul, he takes refuge in the city of Keilah. He asks God about possible future events. Will Saul come to Keilah ? God tells him yes. David then asks If Saul comes will the men of Keilah deliver me up ?. God tells him yes. If Gods knowledge was always absolute, and the future fixed, and since God said definitively Saul would come, Saul would have come.

1 Samuel 23:13 Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth.

David in verse 13 decides (chooses) to leave keilah. And even though God said Saul would come he does not! The explanation for this is quite simple; God was only informing David of POSSIBLE outcomes that depended upon human choice, and not Gods absolute knowledge. This last example clearly shows that when God does not choose an outcome, what is left is possibilities that are based upon human choice. In mathematical logic these possible outcomes that depend upon or are

contingent, are called “counterfactuals” (because although they may not have happened, they possibly could have)



It’s in “counterfactuals” or possibilities that God shows his omniscience. Because only God knows what would have happened in the case of a choice that was not made, as in the case with David staying or leaving Keilah.

“Thy will be done”

We can see from previous scripture that God does not “rigidly” determine the future. God has several ways that he brings about his will. He does this principally by choosing individuals and in the case of Israel, a nation to carry out his will of their own choice. He does this by revealing himself in many ways to that person or nation so that they get to know him, and by continually showing his protection, provision and love over a period of time, like a bridegroom wooing a bride, a mutual relationship develops where that person or nation in return comes to believe in God, and through first faith, and then by experience begins to know God. Eventually if the person or nation continues to grow in knowledge, then love will be the fruit. From love will come obedience and the free choice to carry out Gods plan.

The special people that he chooses have one thing in common. Great faith. They believe in God’s plan and faithfully carry it out. We see this in Hebrews chapter 11 where the “heroes” of faith who God called (chose), and they responded.

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

- 21 *By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.*
- 22 *By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.*
- 23 *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.*
- 24 *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;*
- 25 *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*
- 26 *Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

Sometimes they don't carry out Gods plan completely. Such as the time Moses struck the rock a second time breaking the symbolism of Christ being crucified once. Or King Saul not destroying the amalekites and then offering sacrifices in defiance to Gods plan for the priesthood. The amazing thing is that Samuel said that God would have established His kingdom forever (Saul) if he had obeyed.

1 Samuel 13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: **for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.**

Was this true? If so it meant that Saul's sin was his own choice, God had intended to use him, God had chosen him first, it was not some devious plot, to then choose David. Many will say that it was always Gods plan. But God could have still had the messiah descend from Judah through marriage in later generations (i.e. Jonathon could have had only a daughter).

It is because God has chosen to use imperfect human agents upon whom the gift of choice and free will was bestowed that it has taken so many thousands of years to unfold Gods plan.

So God sometimes qualifies his choices who have submitted to his call. Because he chooses not to use his omnipotence to "know" if his choices will obey, He uses another way. He does this by testing. This is how God gets to know who will obey him especially if they are chosen for a critical task.

1 Samuel 17:39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

David had not used Saul's armor and sword before , he had not tested them. Instead he used something HE KNEW his sling. How do you get to know someone ? Before we use a tool, we may pick it up and examine it to see if it's the right choice. Because God has chosen to rely on human choice rather than his own omniscience, His purposes can only be done if those he chooses "willing" return sovereignty to him and then faithful carry out "his will". The way God "proves" his choices is the same way we do, by observing how our chosen individual reacts to circumstances, can they be relied upon not to crack, do they trust unconditionally ? Do they "love" him. Abraham trusted God so much; he obeyed even to the point of being willing to sacrifice his son. That is why God gave him

in return unconditional promises. Because of his surrender of sovereignty back to God, God chose him and his lineage for the birth of the redeemer and messiah Jesus Christ. At the end of testing God could say that “he knew him” and that Abraham would carry out Gods plan

Genesis 17:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

The greater and more difficult the task that God wants accomplished, The more certain God wants to be of his choice, the greater the testing. God can not be surprised since he knows all the possibilities but at times he is disappointed (God repented at the choice of Saul).

But when it came to the most critical choice for the beginning of the redemption plan, God chose to come himself.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

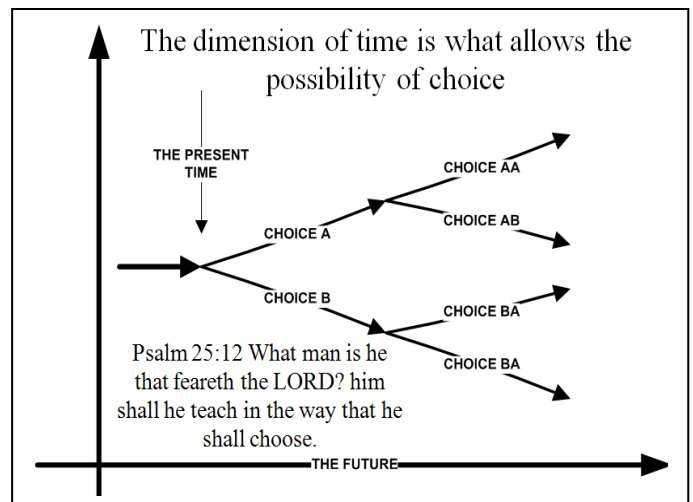
Here again showing the original dominion and sovereignty that a “son of God” had(free will). God in the form of man, Jesus Christ, made the ultimate choice, that would lead to the cross and final redemption.

Restoring the dominion


As has been outlined previously, man lost dominion over the “flesh”. Because of this, the flesh “reacts” to events or “drives” and is hard to control. We sometimes say “that was an unconscious reaction” when we say or do something that we never meant to do or even realized we did until later. Sometimes words or images can generate thoughts that also drive our actions. These “triggers” or “causes” to our actions happen in the dimension of time. It is because of the dimension of time, we can always point to a previous “cause” that triggered some response or action. “It was because....”



It is also the dimension of time that allows us the possibility of choice.




We see in Genesis that Adam blamed his wife, who blamed the serpent. The point being that we can always look back for whatever situation we are in and point to a previous “cause” for our current situation. Gods plan for redemption involves us returning our choices to God.

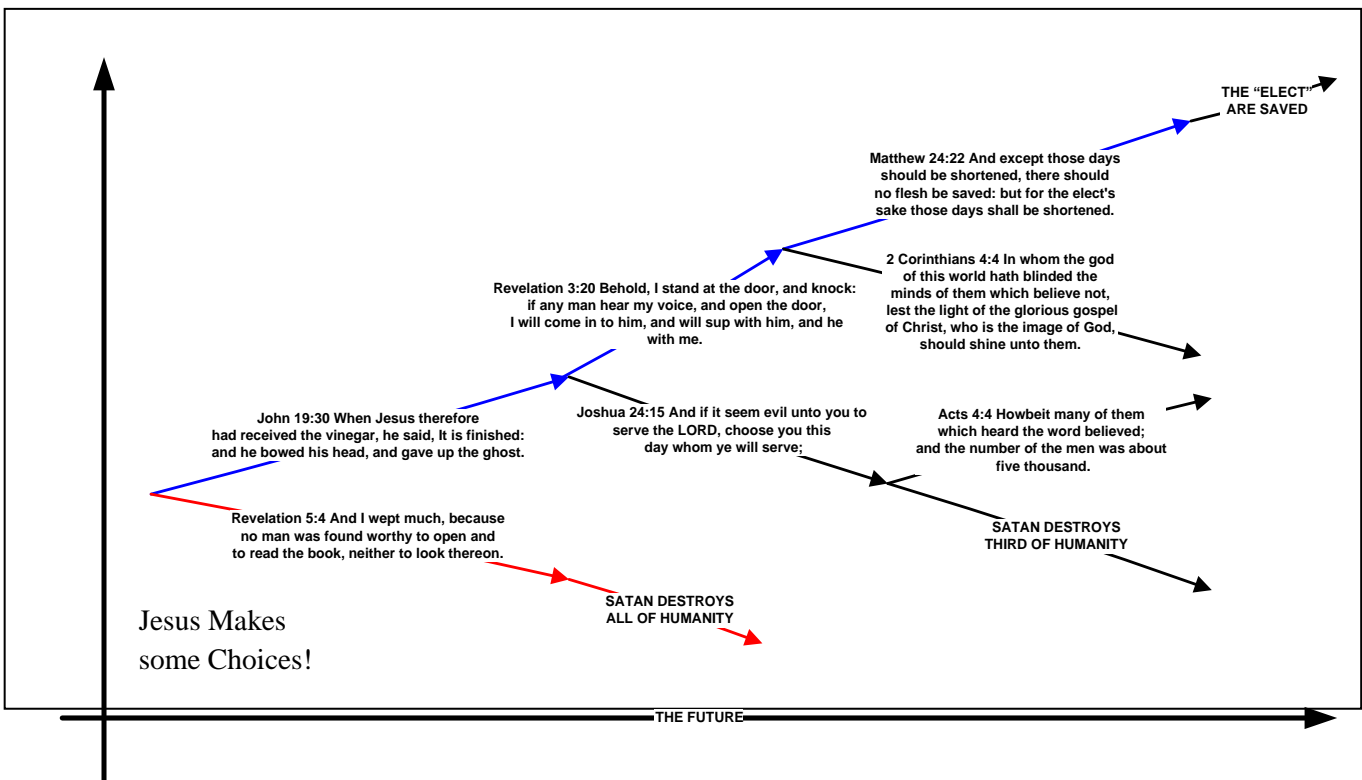


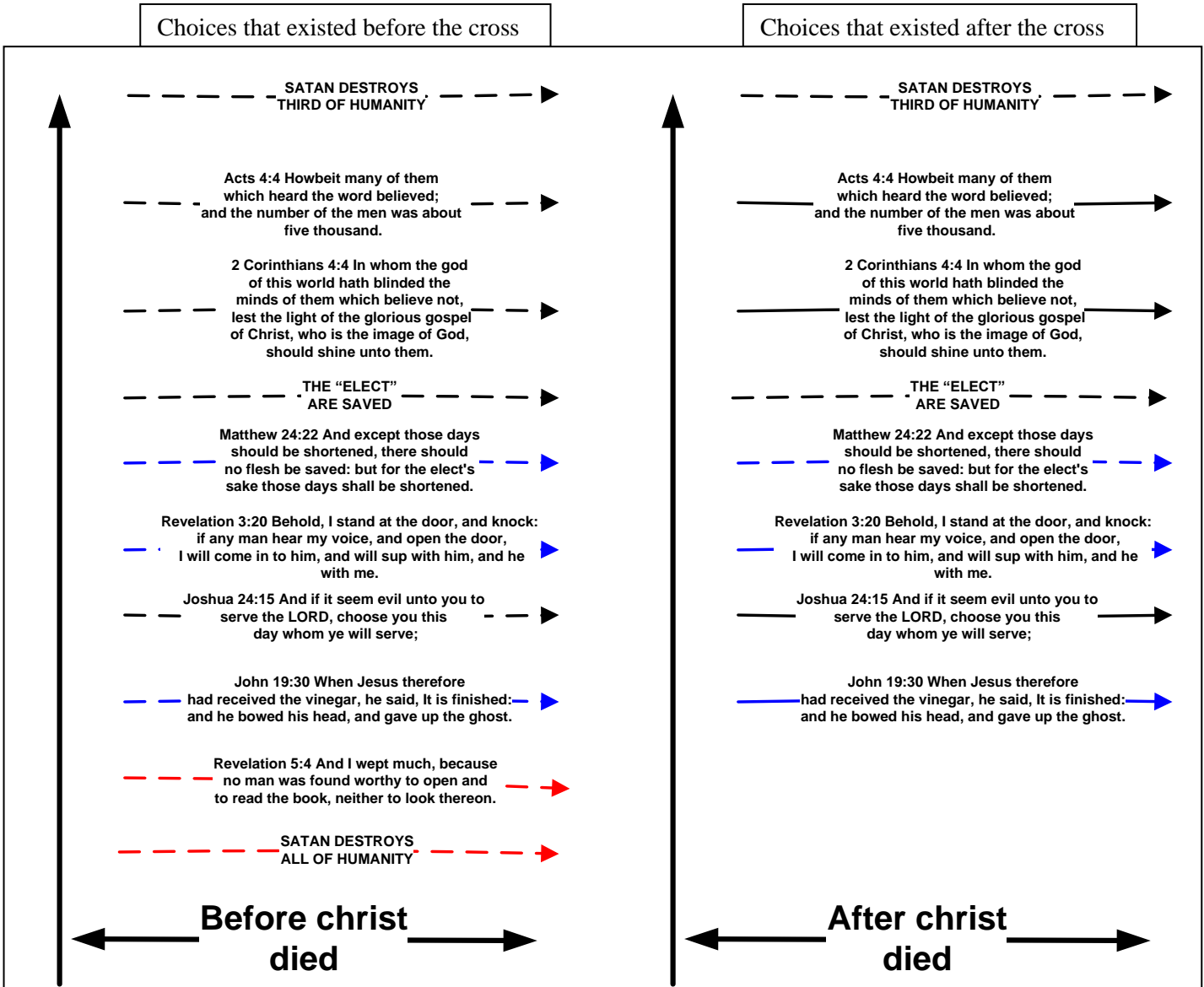
Time: The Causal Connection

- Genesis 3:12 And the man said, **The woman** whom thou gavest to be with me, **she gave me** of the tree, and I did eat.
- Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, **The serpent** beguiled me, and I did eat.



God wants us to willingly and lovingly submit to his will. That’s what the lord taught us in his prayer “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”(Matthew 6:10). Jesus came to make choices that only he could make.





In the foregoing chart we can illustrate that because of choices that Jesus made, Satan can no longer destroy "all of humanity"(red dashed arrows). That choice has been eliminated. But there are still some bad choices available to mankind. THIS EXPLAINS why Satan is still fighting. As long as there exists "A possibility" where Satan can get us to choose negatively he continues to fight

Matthew 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.
Matthew 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done

Have you ever wondered why Satan is still fighting? Why would he fight God? Does he not know that he cannot win? It is the "existence" of possibilities, human choice and because Satan knows

that God has determined not to use his omniscience to restore dominion, that Satan keeps fighting. As long as there are choices left where another soul misses heaven he can hurt God and damage his Kingdom. He also knows that where human choice is concerned he may exert his influence and temporarily deflect Gods plan.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

Only A son of God not under his control via the dominion of the flesh could hope to make him “legally” give up his trusteeship. That is why Jesus came. He was the example of a fully mature son of God. Although he could discern between good and evil, (Isaiah 7:14) and “was made of a woman”(Galatians 4:4) his blood was untainted and not subject to Satans dominion.

John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

Jesus showed us that it is through prayer, we return the dominion. When we pray Like Jesus suggested, “Thy will be done”. Jesus also gave us the example in the garden “not my will but thine ”. This is one of the major reasons for prayer. People have asked why do we pray since God knows our needs. The reason is now made plain. It is to daily submit our choices to him. If he chooses us, we may expect testing, It is an honor to be able to serve Almighty God as a son in submission. Letting the spirit make our choices that we can return to full sonship and eventual earthly dominion.

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.