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Life Center
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The Sovereignty Of God & the Dominion of Man



John 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, **because he is the Son of man.**

What is 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 ability to rule..make decisions...in other words.....MAKE CHOICES



Free to Choose



- Genesis 2:16 ¶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden **thou mayest freely eat:**
- Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

God chooses not to choose !

Sovereignty of man



- 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. Genesis 2:19

God chooses to limit himself



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.**

God chooses not to Know !



- And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for **now I know (present tense)** that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only **son from me.**
- Genesis 22:12

God changes his mind (not his nature)



- 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.

Freedom to choose what does it mean ?

free will

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1. The ability or discretion to choose; free choice: *chose to remain behind of my own free will.*
2. The power of making free choices that are unconstrained by external circumstances or by an agency such as fate or divine will.

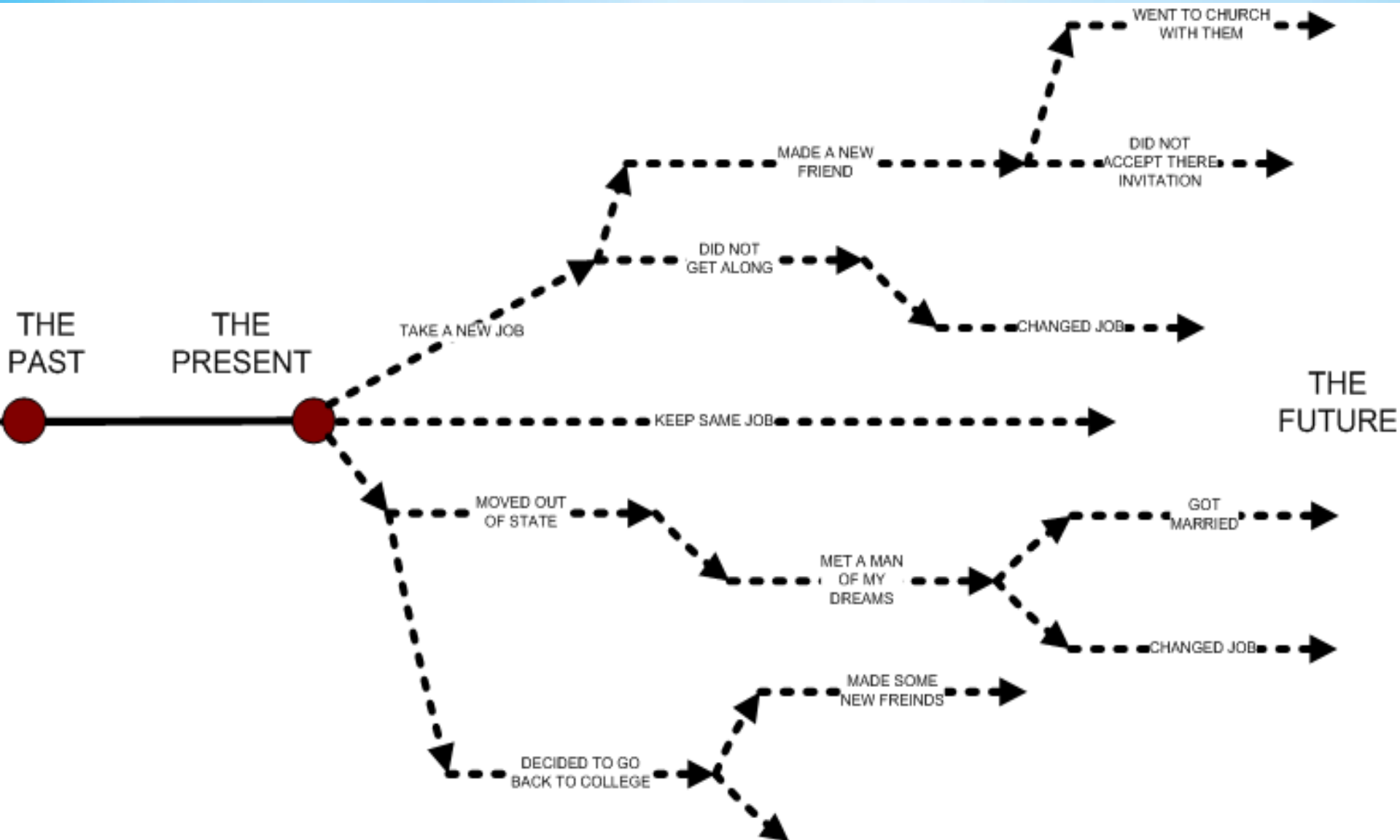
- Eve had the power to choose to eat
- Eve had the power to refrain from eating

Linear Time

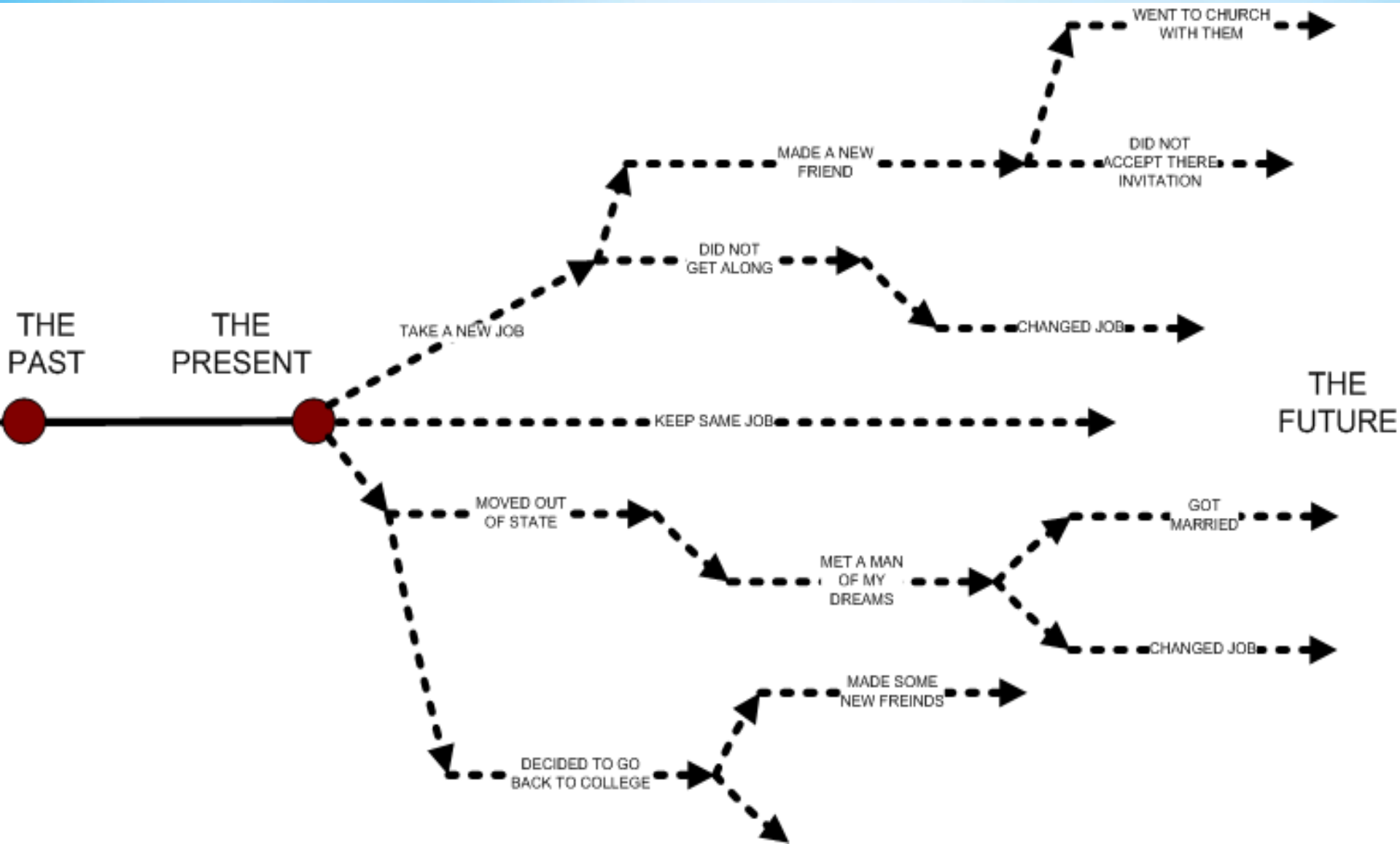


- If true
- There are no choices
- Your future is already laid out
- Predetermined you can't change what will happen

The future is all about choices !



What God “knows” are all the future choices/possibilities !



- Isaiah 48:1 ¶Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.
- 2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name.
- 3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.
- 4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;
- 5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.
- 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.

Created “Bara”

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to shape, create

Original Word: בָּרָא

Transliteration: bara'

Phonetic Spelling: (baw-raw')

Short Definition: choose



Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

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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Chosen “Bara”

The future does not already exist
God brings those things he wishes to pass
by choosing them

- 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.**

God and Sovereignty

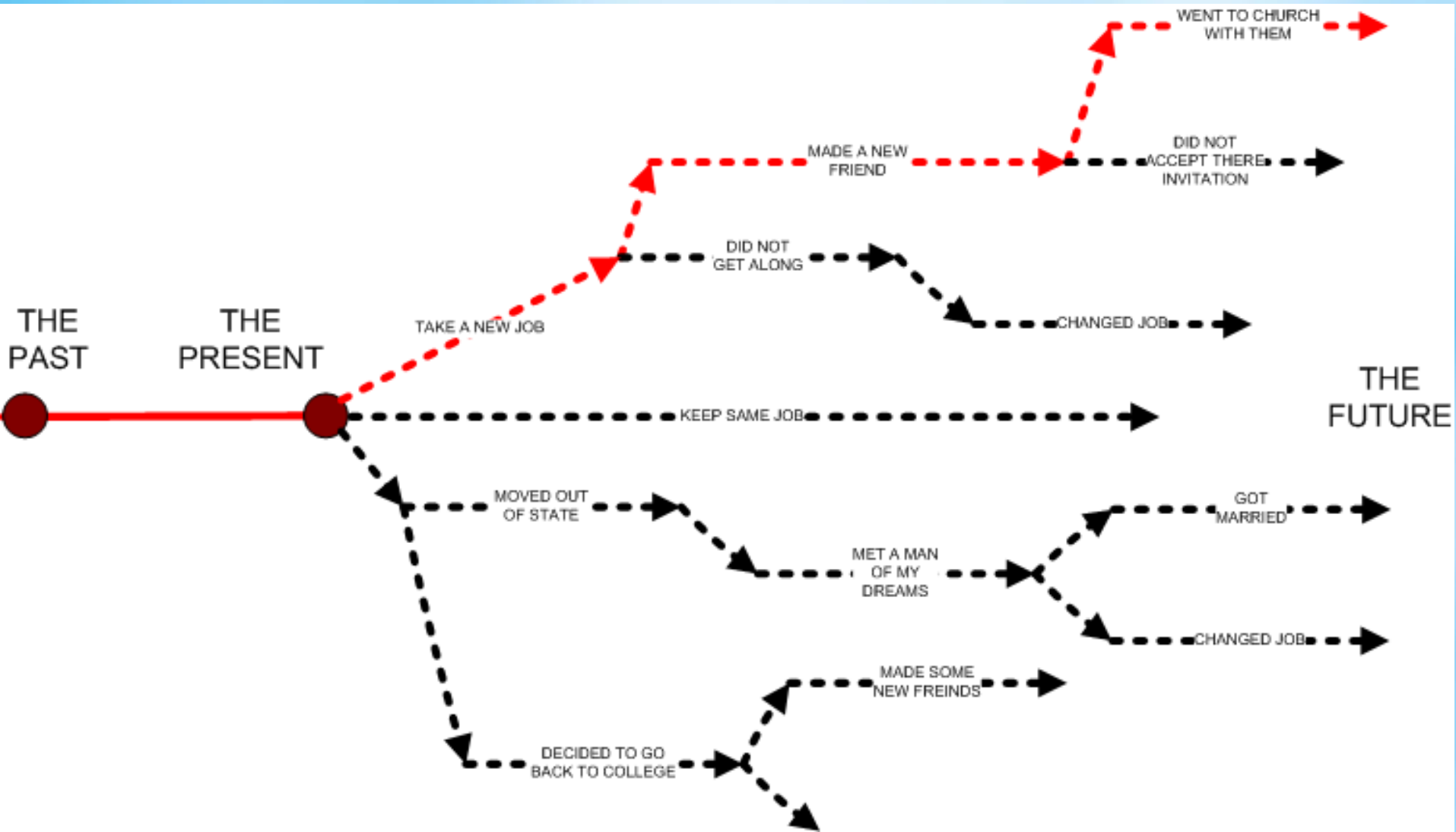


God
is
Sovereign

His ways are always better than our ways!

- What does God know ?
- Acts 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.
- GOD KNOWS HIS CHOICES
- Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

And when necessary as an equal free agent “he chooses”



Time: the strange dimension

- Nothing in the time dimension is “uncaused”
- There is always a reason for an effect
- There is always a “cause”
- We can only move “forward”
- An effect, never occurs before the thing that caused it

We can blame the past

It “was”(past tense) because of



**Look Foreword
With Hope, Not
Backwards
With Regret.**

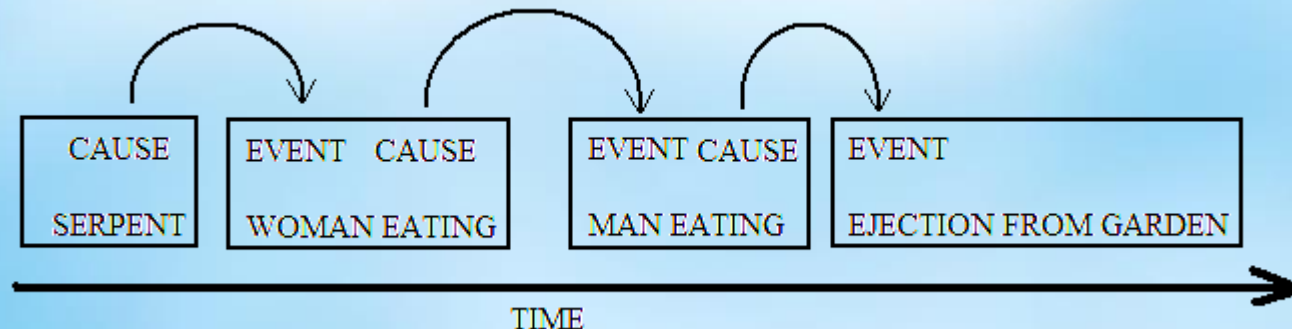
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Philippians 3:13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **Forgetting what is behind** and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

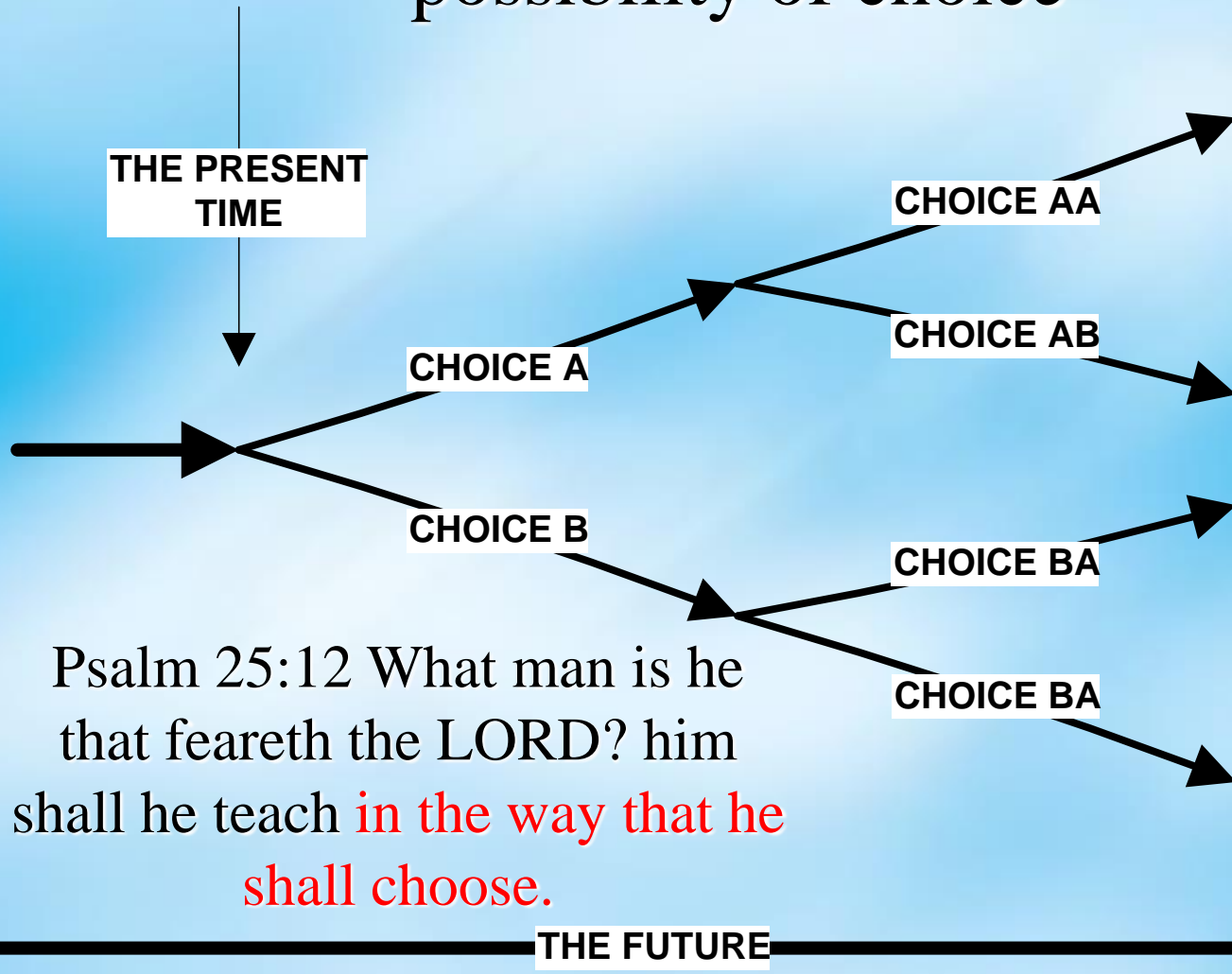
Isaiah **43:18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.** 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

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.

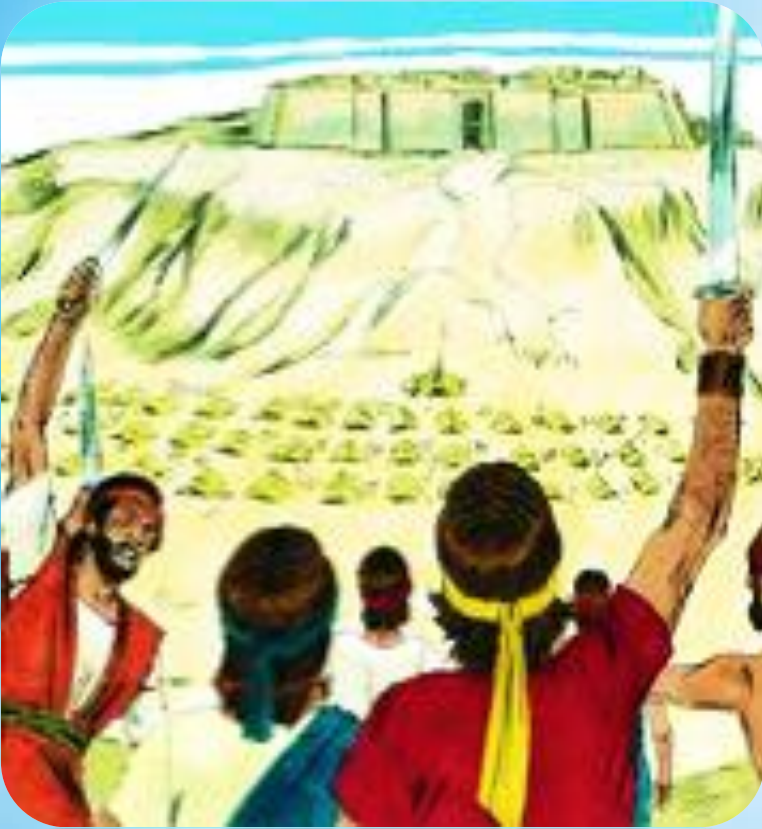


The dimension of time is what allows the possibility of choice



Psalm 25:12 What man is he
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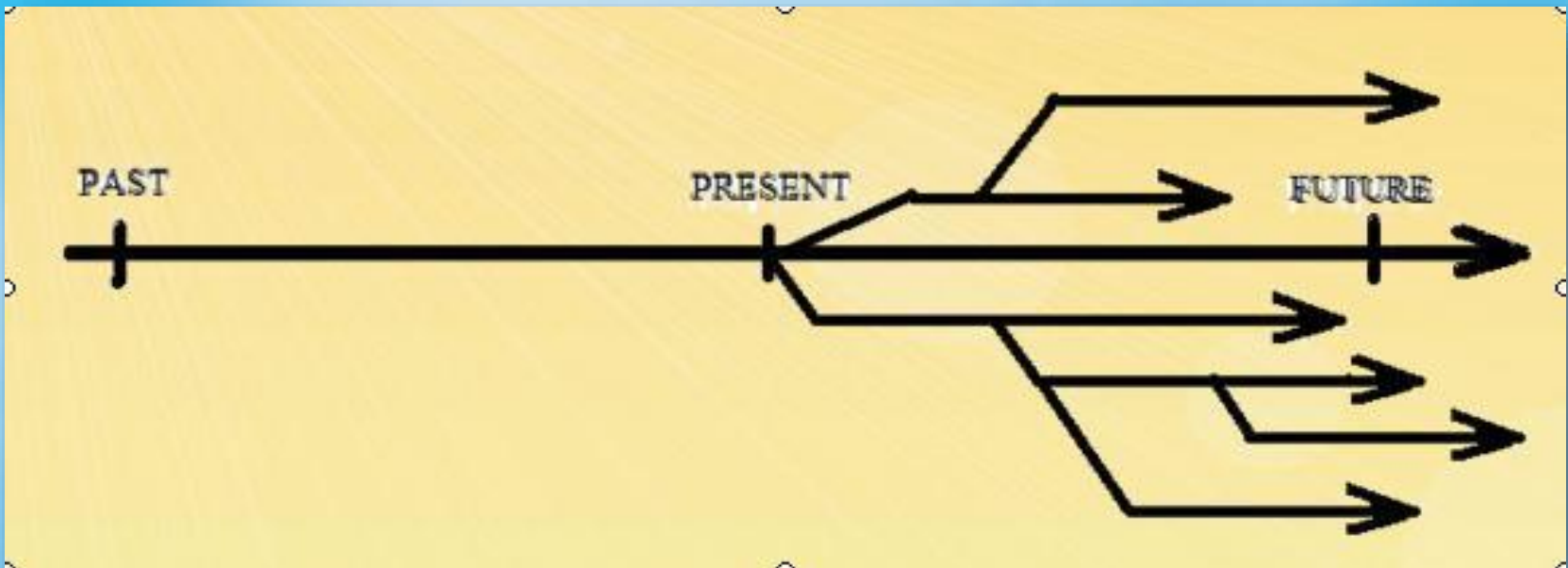
All things are “possible” with God



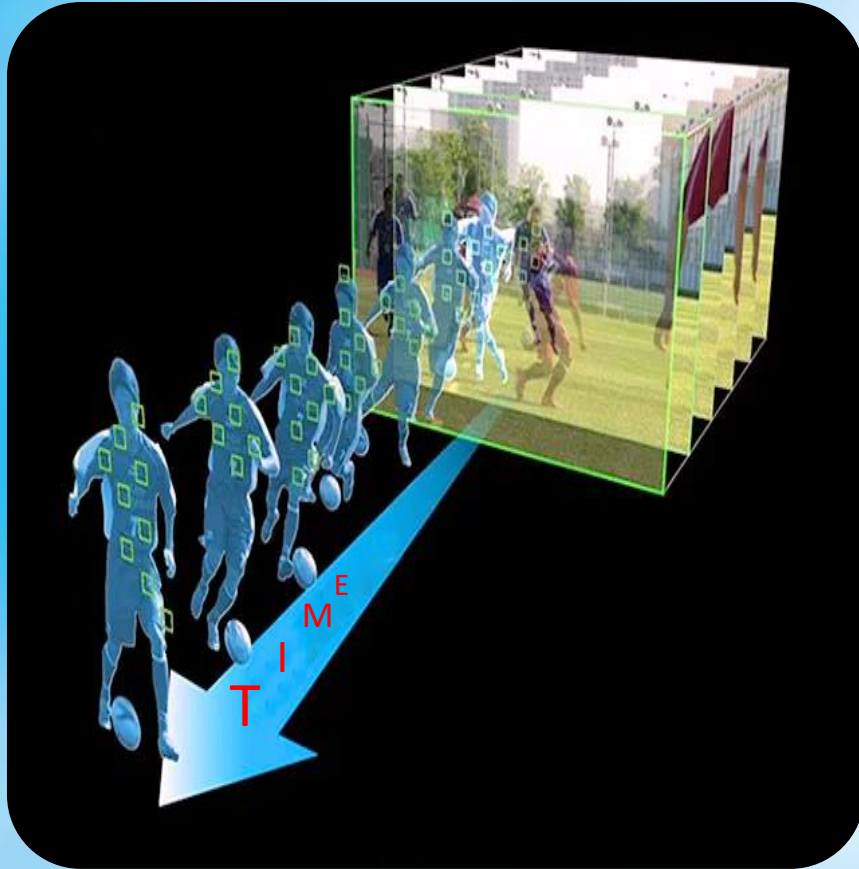
- 1 Samuel 23 vs 10 -12
- 10 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.
- 11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech 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's Choice !

- 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.** 1 Samuel 23



Bondage of the flesh



- 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.
- Revelation 10:6 And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that **there should be time no longer (DELAY)**:
- 7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

**THE BEGINNING
OF ETERNITY**

What then are we truly free to do ?

- We are free to choose who we love
- We are free to choose who we hate
- We are free to choose moral good over evil
- We can become free in our desires (mind/thoughts)
 - 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.

What then are we truly free to do ?

- Summary:
 - We are free to choose moral good over evil
 - We are free to let the Spirit lead us (choose for us)
 - ¶And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve**; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.
 - Joshua 24:15

Gods Knowledge



- John 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!
- 48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, **Before that Philip called thee**, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.
- 49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.
- We take it as given that God knows the truth value of every statement that references **past events**.

Gods Knowledge



- Matthew 12:10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.
- 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?
- 12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.
- 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.
- 14 ¶Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.
- 15 **But when Jesus knew it,** he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;
- We also can see that God knows the truth value of every statement that references **present events.**

Counterfactuals

“Or what might have been”

God “knew the truth value

Of the following statements

1. Will Saul come to keilah ?
2. Will the people betray David ?



Counter Factuals

“God can also choose”

- If a counterfactual is “TRUE”
 - It implies God has allowed choice; human sovereignty
- If a counterfactual is “FALSE”
 - It implies God made a choice; divine sovereignty

What the Son (of man chooses not to know)



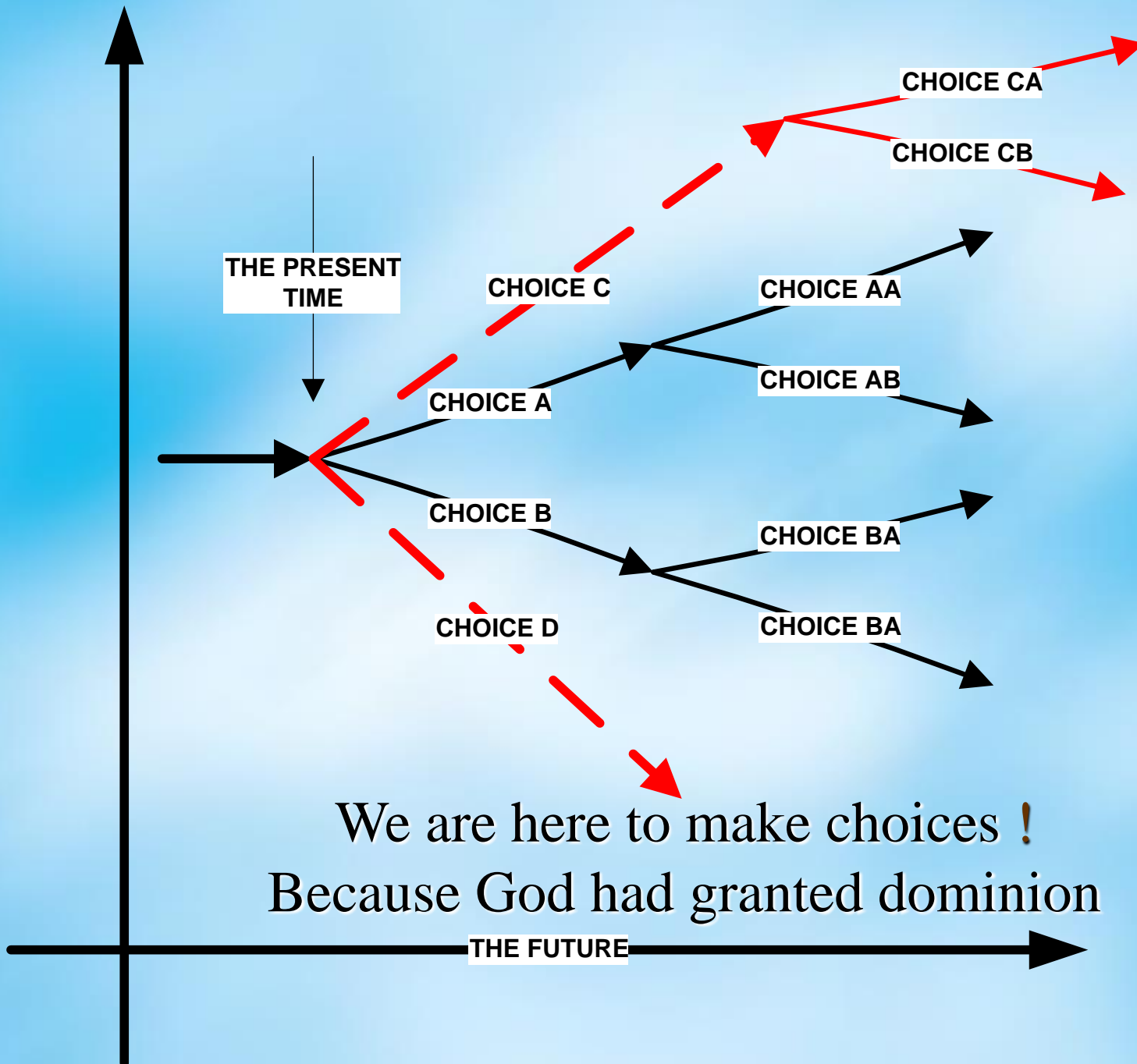
- But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, **neither the Son**, but the Father.
- Mark 13:32
- **The secret things belong unto the LORD our God:** but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.
- Deuteronomy 29:29

When there is no other way, God has chosen !



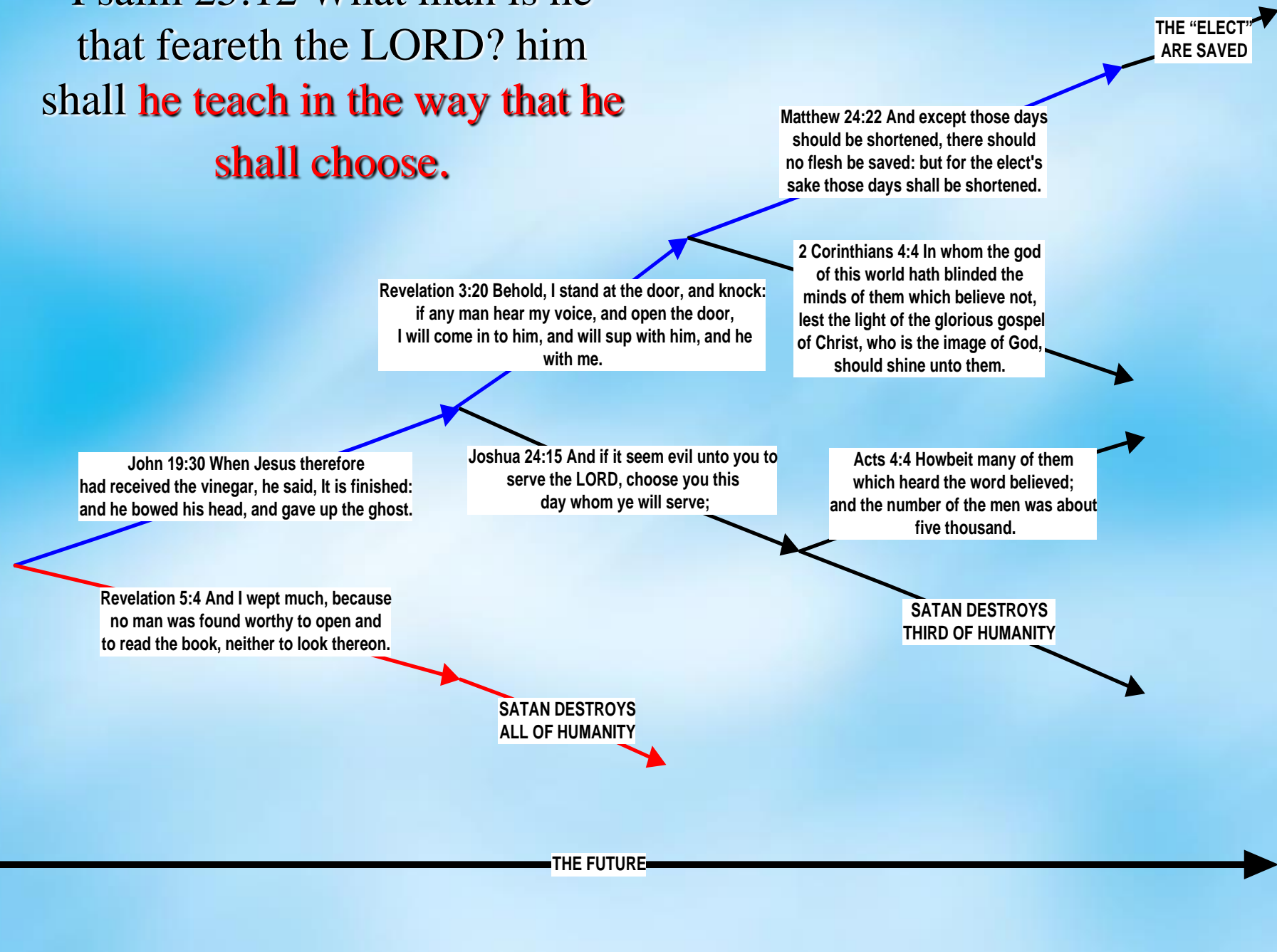
- Matthew 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: **nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.**
- Matthew 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not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

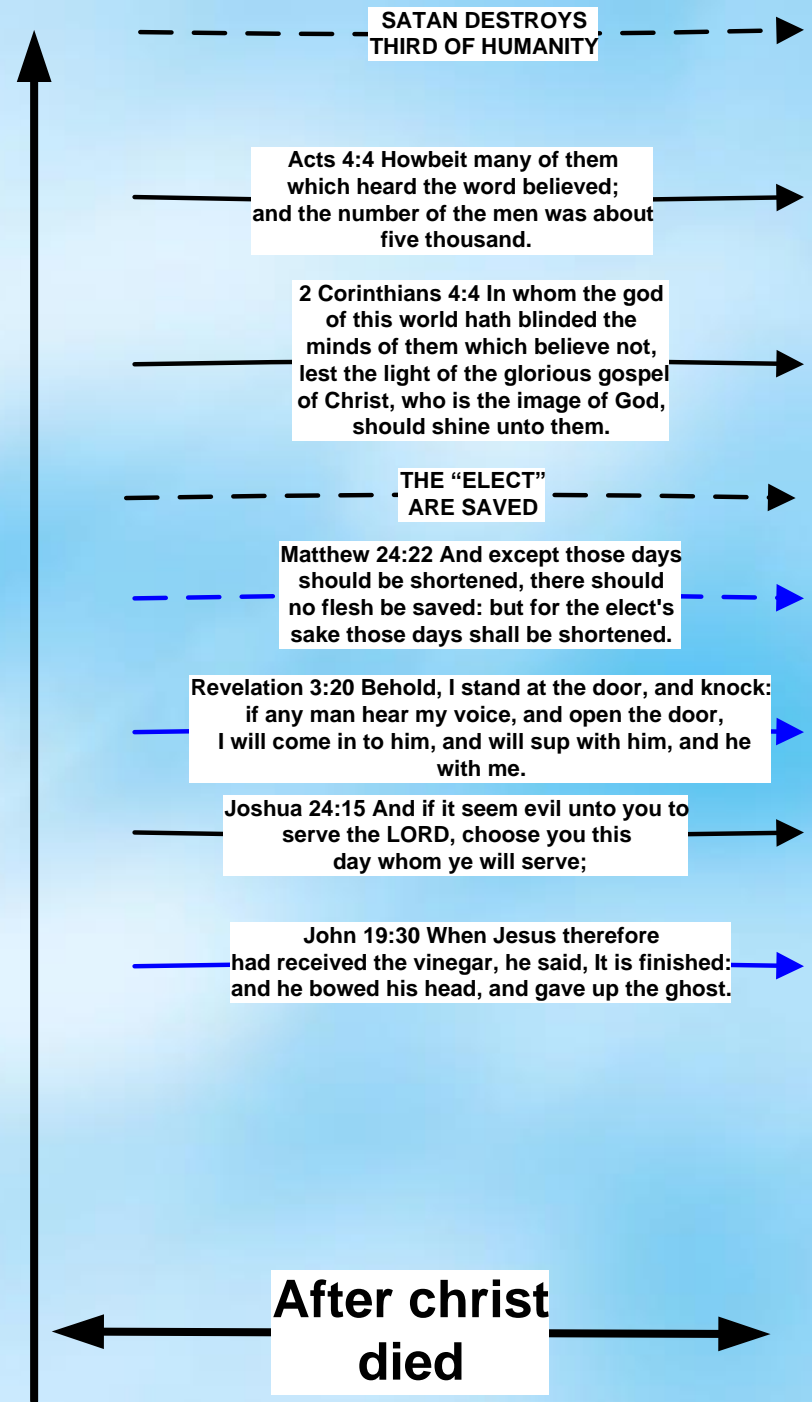
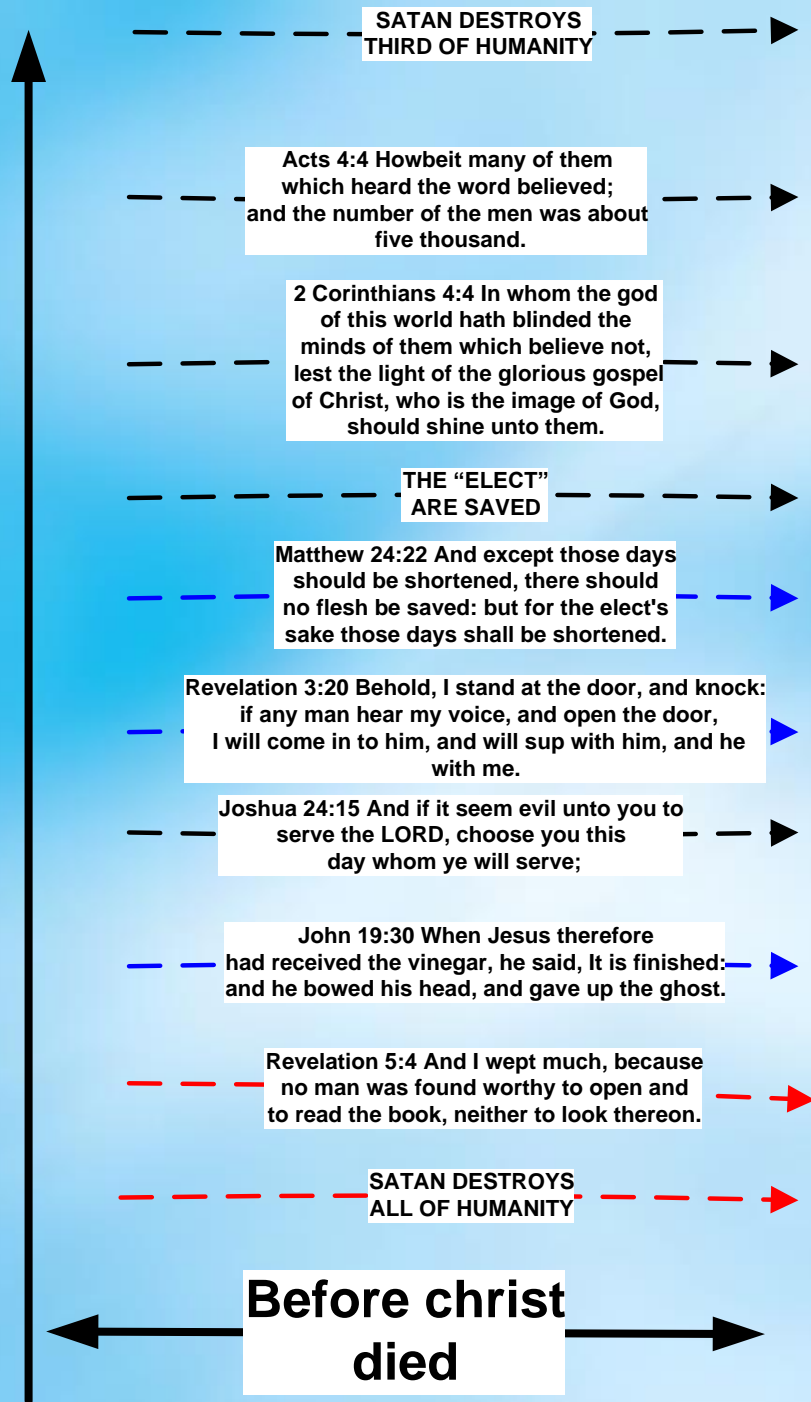
The counter factual; That Jesus could have brought salvation another way must be false.



We are here to make choices !
Because God had granted dominion

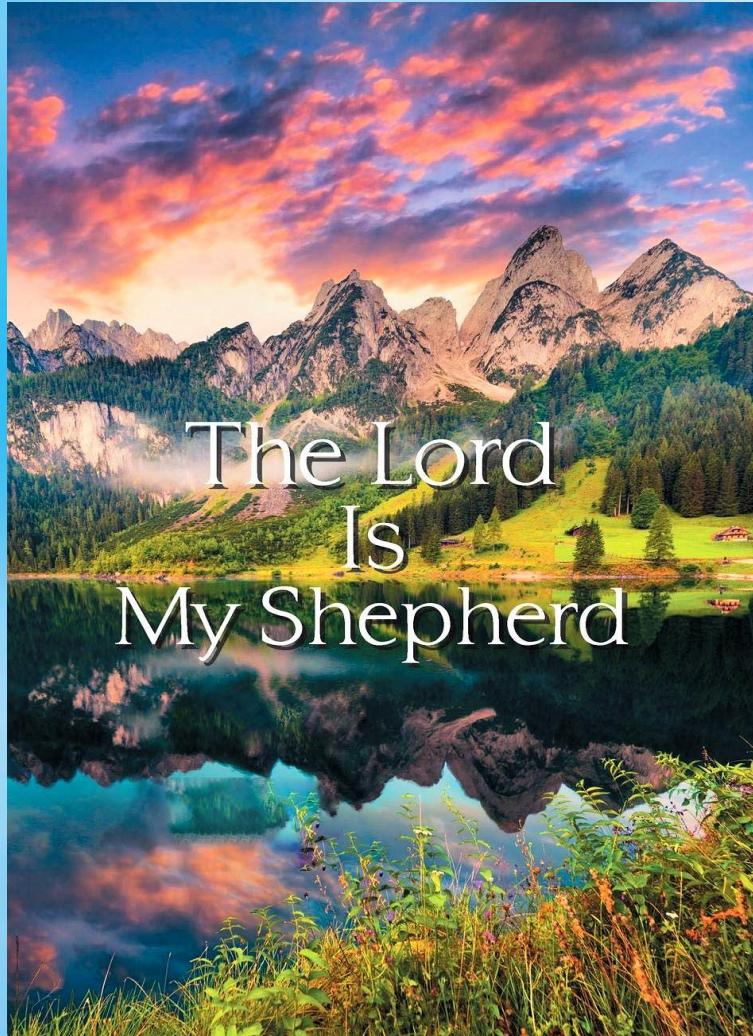
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- 2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- 5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
- 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
- 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
- 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
- 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to **make your calling and election sure:** for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

God wants us to give him, lovingly the sovereignty he has granted !



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: **he leadeth me** beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: **he leadeth** me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 **Yea, though I walk** through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Attaining Sonship is obedience to the Father (following)



- Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he **seeth the Father do**: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. John 5:19
- I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because **I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father** which hath sent me.
- John 5:30

Returning the Dominion !



- **Prayer**
 - Matthew 6: 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
 - 10 Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done in earth,** as it is in heaven.

Returning the dominion



- Psalms 37:5 **Commit thy way** unto the LORD; trust also in him; and **he shall bring it to pass.**
- Mark 14:36 And he said, Abba, Father, **all things are possible** unto thee; take away this cup from me: **nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.**