

pleased to reveal Christ to him as his personal Saviour at that time, and so an assurance of salvation. The best thing to do is to go to God with all our troubles, and we have not learned much in the school of Christ if we do not. A sister once said: "If God had not elected her before she was born, He never saw anything in her to induce Him to do so after."

Thus predestination is God's purpose in reference to the heirs of salvation. Rom. 8: 28-30. God is not the author of sin—angels and men placed themselves where they are in that respect. All angels who sinned perish forever, not all mankind. Redemption has been provided; all penitent believers shall glorify God for His grace in the new heavens and earth forever. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and *thou* shalt be saved." None of the fallen angels are saved; some of fallen mankind are; if another world would sin, maybe all would be, yet not without atonement; we believe the work of *human* redemption will keep them from falling. Maybe that is why the angels desire to look into the mystery of the gospel, and the principalities and powers have it made known to them. The innumerable multitude is saved through the alone merit of Christ. Justice had to be satisfied; in the case of the angels who sinned, by their punishment in the place prepared for them; in the case of man, by the same method, or in the person of a substitute; and the sin God permitted to enter the world at first, He has allowed to continue, till it has culminated in the crucifixion of His Son, in our nature, the ransom His infinite love has found. All this was by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ruling and over-ruling, doing some things and permit-