

## *“The Golden Chain of Salvation.2”*

*Amazed by Grace* • part 37

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### INTRODUCTION

- the idolatry of personal self-determination

- I am *not* the master of my own fate

Ps. 135:6; Is. 46:10; Ezk. 18:4; Prov. 21:1;  
Dan. 4:34-35; Eph. 1:4-5, 11

“Nothing, therefore, happens unless the Omnipotent wills it to happen: He either permits it to happen, or He brings it about Himself.”

– Augustine

“I claim credit for nothing. Everything is determined, the beginning as well as the end, by forces over which we have no control. It is determined for the insect as well as the star, human beings, vegetables, or cosmic dust. We all dance to a mysterious tune, intoned in the distance by an invisible piper.”

– Albert Einstein

### PREDESTINATION

#### *#1 Objection: same as fatalism*

- similarities
- fatalism: a blind, unintelligent, impersonal, non-moral force

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#### *#2 Objection: incompatible with free agency*

- responsibility demands freedom to act
- foreknowledge & predestination stand or fall together
- actions are limited by our nature
- actions determined by the strongest desire, inclination
- harmony of God's sovereignty and man's freedom  
Gen. 42:21; 45:5, 8; 50:20; Acts 2:23

#### *#3 Objection: God is the author of sin*

- the clear teaching of Scripture  
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 92:15; 145:17; 1 Pet. 2:22; Jms. 1:13  
Mt. 4:10-11; 8:28-32; 12:22; Job 12:16
- God did not produce sin but gives permission for sin

### CALLING

- the “general call”
- the “effectual call”  
Jn. 10:24-28; 2 Tim. 1:9