

## **Genesis 25:23 – Predestination & Free Will**

### **God Makes a Distinction and a Determination**

“one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.” -*Genesis 25:23*

-God’s attitude or response was different -*Malachi 1:1-2*

-This example is used in Paul’s Gospel explanation -*Romans 9:10-24*

Is Salvation A Choice Or A Compulsion?

Do Some Choose Jesus Or Does God Choose Some?

### **Case For Free Will**

Bible is filled with invitations to choose. -*Deuteronomy 30:19*

The very idea of repentance requires a choice. -*Acts 17:30*

God’s desire is for all to be saved. -*1 Timothy 2:3-4*

Sovereign Lord implores us to choose. -*Ezekiel 33:11*

## **Case For Predestination**

*10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." – Romans 3:10-12*

Isaiah 64:6  
Jerimiah 17:9  
Genesis 6:5

*65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." – John 6:65*

May – Permission  
Can - Ability

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, [...] 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved – Ephesians 2:1-5*

Romans 1

### **Further Study:**

*Chosen by God – R.C. Sproul*  
*Freedom of the Will – Jonathan Edwards*  
*Bondage of the Will – Martin Luther*  
*Treatise on the Predestination of the Saints – St. Augustine*  
*Sermons on Election and Reprobation – John Calvin*

## **Case for Unity**

**God is powerful. He has the ability and authority to do what He will  
God is good and is motivated by love for us.**

**"The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made."  
-Psalm 145:17**