

A Thought on Election

Ephesians in the first third of the book is a go-to text for predestinarians, and rightly so. It becomes concerning, though, when it is the sole text quoted on the topic, for God's choosing is a great topic of scripture. Consider the following from *The Poor Man's Concordance* –

Chosen of God We find this, act of special grace in JEHOVAH, as it concerns the person of Christ and his people in him, so often in the Scripture, and as it is so important, I have thought a reference to some of the more prominent texts would not be unacceptable, in a work of this kind. Concerning the person of the Lord Jesus Christ as chosen, and set apart from all eternity, the glorious Head and Mediator of his people, these portions are some among the many. Isa 41:8-9; Isa 43:10. compared with Mat 12:18; Neh 9:7; Num 16:5; Num 16:7; Psa 47:4; Isa 49:7; Psa 89:3; Psa 89:19; Isa 48:10; Luk 23:35; 1Pe 2:4 etc. And concerning the children of Christ chosen in him, and sanctified in him, the following are among the many with which the word of God abounds to the same doctrine. Eph 1:4; Isa 14:1; Deu 7:6; Psa 105:5; Psa 105:43; 1Ch 16:13; Psa 106:5; Isa 43:20; Isa 65:15; Mat 20:16; Mar 13:20; Joh 13:18; Joh 15:16; Joh 15:19; Act 22:14; Act 9:15; 1Co 1:27; Rom 16:13; Jas 2:5; 1Pe 2:9; Rev 17:14 etc.

Here we find in excess of 25 scriptures apart from Ephesians in both covenants from the Torah, from the major and minor prophets, from history, from the wisdom of the sacred Bible, from the gospels and the Acts as well as the epistles Pauline and general before encountering the Apocalypse. Notice, dear reader, this is but a small number of scriptures on this subject! Let him who says this is not a scriptural thing be confounded, and in his mourning come with tears of joy to the doctrines of electing love.