

sense enough to accept Christ, and let's save them. No! God made a perfect plan, and that plan has an objective, and the objective of that plan is to bring into existence those who will be in accordance with His will that they may have fellowship with Him through all eternity. That is His purpose. That is why He established this world in the first place. It all is for that purpose.

Some people talk about, did God choose to permit the fall and then decide to save some? Or did He decide in advance that there would be people He would save? Well, we can't see into the mind of the infinite God. But this I can say: God is no sloppy worker who is constantly having to change His ideas because of what people do. God made a p marvellous plan in the beginning and that plan was to bring into existence a peculiar people, a people who would belong to Him, such as He desires to have all through eternity.

In that ch. of Ephesians which we read, that thought is brought out in v. 18. The Apostle prays: That the eyes of your understanding being enlightened that you may know what is the hope of His calling and what the riches of the glory -- he does not say of what we have in Christ. That's wonderful. We must never stop thinking of the glory of what we have in Christ, which is taught over and over. But here he says, that the understading being enlightened that you may know what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. In other words, God is interested in the work we do, but He is even more interested in the way we develop to be such that will have fellowship with Him through all eternity. So everything in our lives is planned and done by Him for this purpose of developing us the way He wants us to be developed. Now how did God do this?