

Foreordained

Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you. - I Peter 1:20 (Authorized Version)

How easy it is for us to get so wrapped up in our own problems and difficulties that we forget that the world ever existed before we came into it. Sometimes it seems as if everything were arrayed against us, and as if the very light of the sky would vanish if our plans should not work out as we wish. At such times it is good for us to pause ^{to} reflect that everything that happens today is but a result of the wonderful plans which God made before the foundation of the world.

What a comfort it must have been to the Lord Jesus Christ as He wept at Gathsemane and prayed with bitter tears that God would take this cup from Him, ^{triumphant} to realize that the/outcome was foreordained from before the foundation of the world. There was nothing slipshod about the plan of God. Jesus Christ had come in the fullness of time in order to fulfill the purpose which the Father and Son and Holy Spirit had established before anything began.

There is nothing haphazard about God's workings. He controls this universe and every element of it, and has planned all things in perfect righteousness.

When we get a little perspective, ^{we} and realize that we are but a part of the mighty plan of God. Let us not struggle against His dealings with us, but let us rejoice in them, and pray and strive that we may prove worthy of the confidence which He reposes in those whom He has elected before the foundation of the world to be saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.