

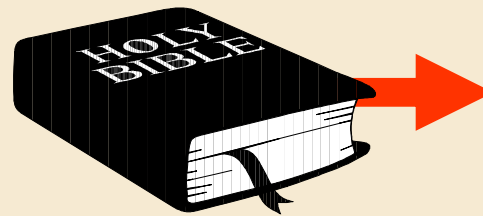
Divine Principle  
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# Predestination

# What is the meaning of Predestination?

*Predestination is the doctrine that all actions and events are predetermined by God, including who will be saved and who will be subject to eternal damnation.*

# Biblical View of Predestination



Affirms  
predestination

- Prosperity and decline
- Happiness and misery
- Salvation and damnation
- Rise and fall of nations

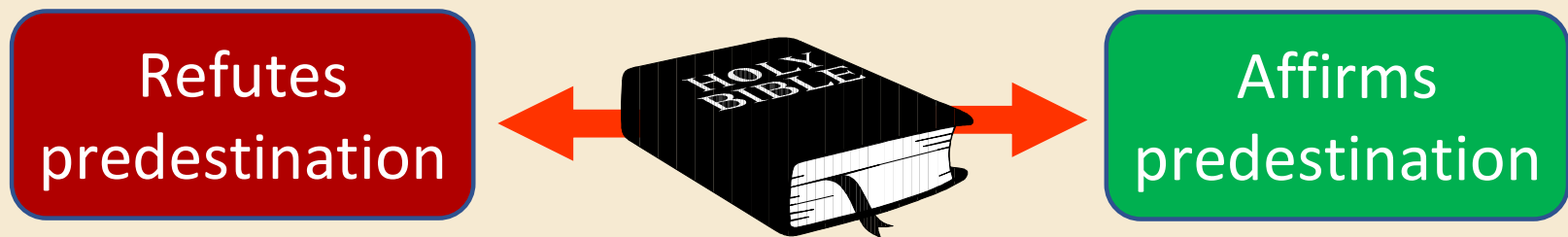
## Bible Verses that seem to Support the Theory of Absolute Predestination

*For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy. Rom 9:15-16*

*Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use? Rom 9:21*

*Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” Rom 9:11-13*

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# Bible Verses that seem to Contradict the Theory of Absolute Predestination

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matt 7:7-8*

*Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them ... And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well ...*  
James 5:14-15

*“... you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” Gen 2:17*

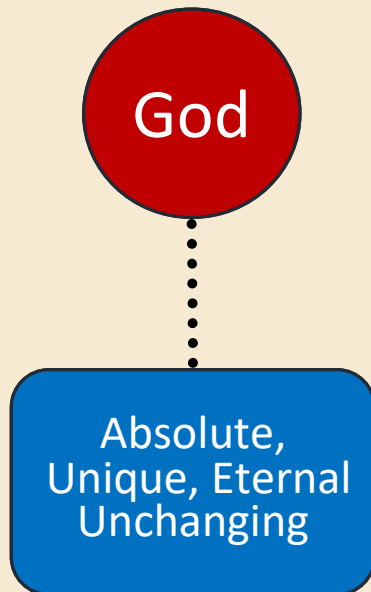
*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth ... And the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth .... Gen 6:5-6*

# Importance of having the Correct Understanding of Predestination

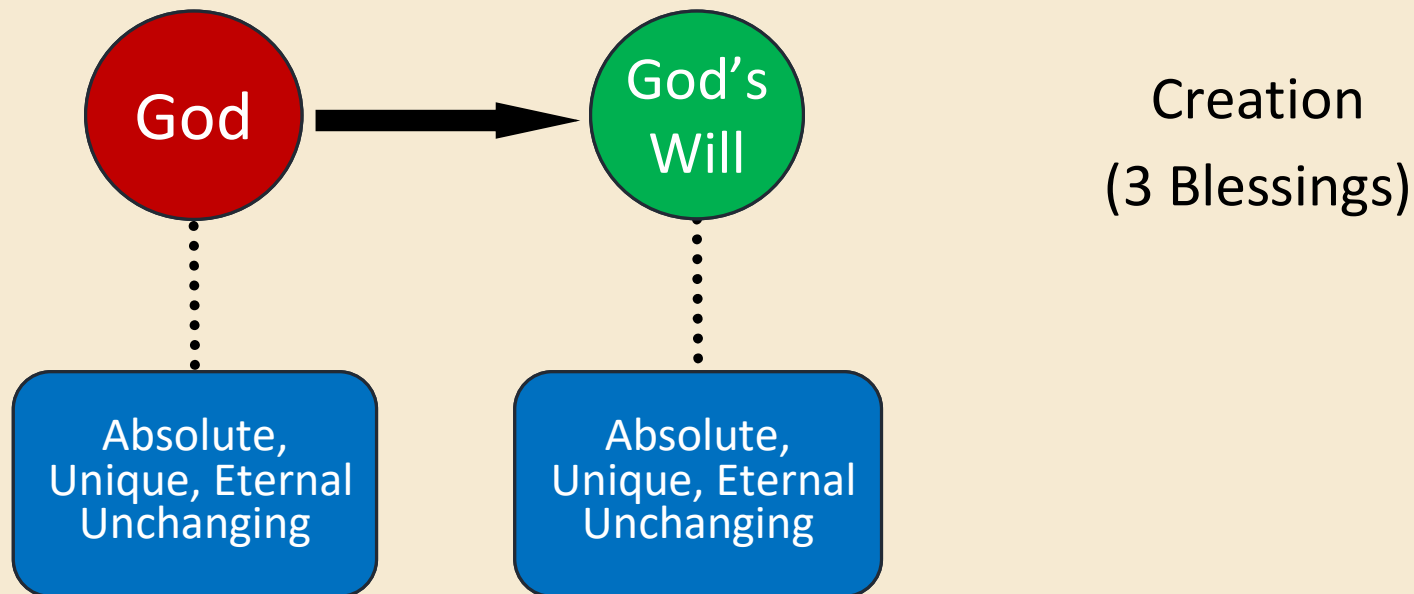
- Our understanding of predestination can influence our daily actions.
- If everything is predetermined, what difference do our decisions and actions make?
- The Divine Principle clarifies the meaning of predestination from God's point of view.



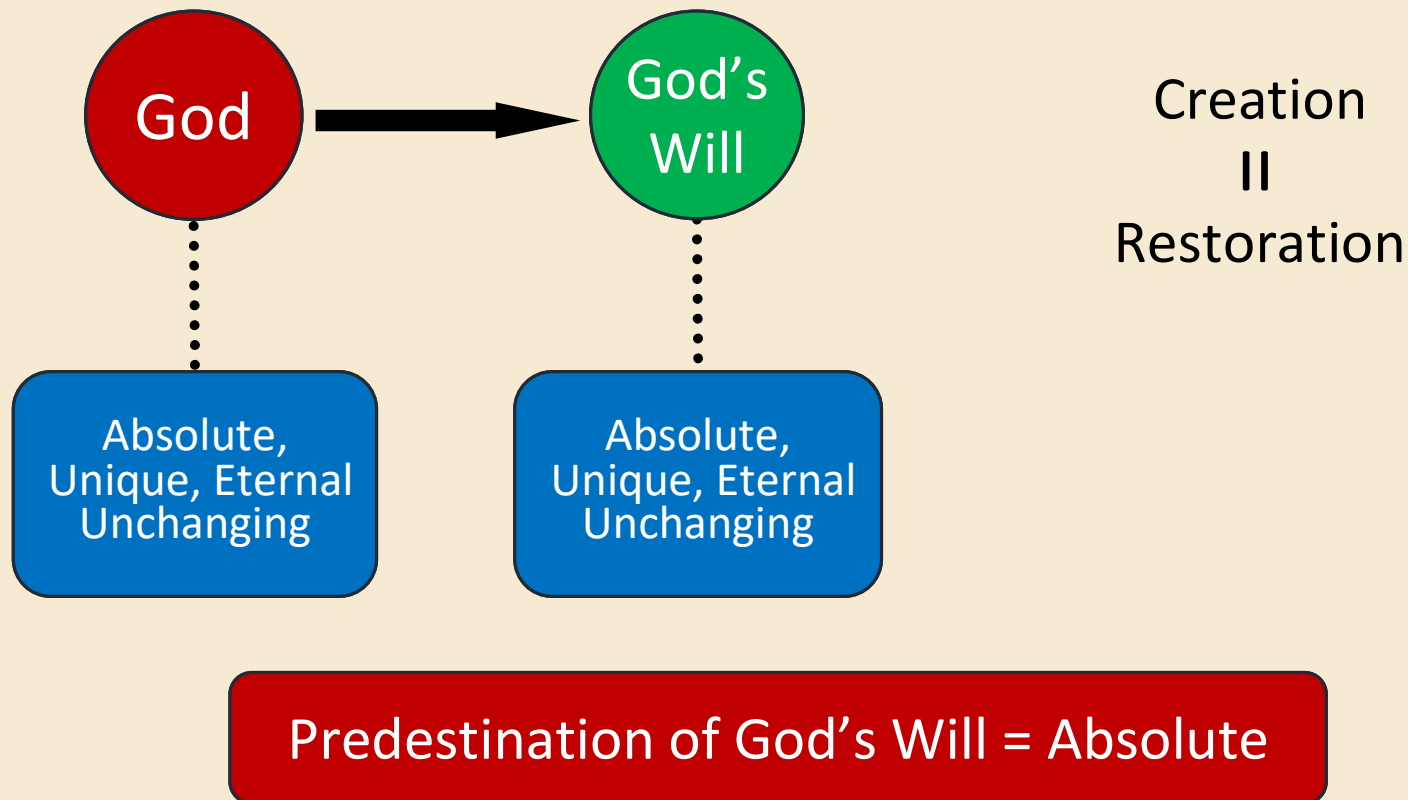
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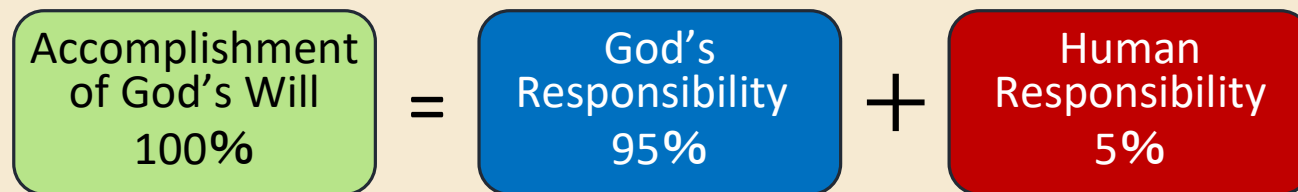
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Predestination with  
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# God's Promise to Those who Responds to His Word

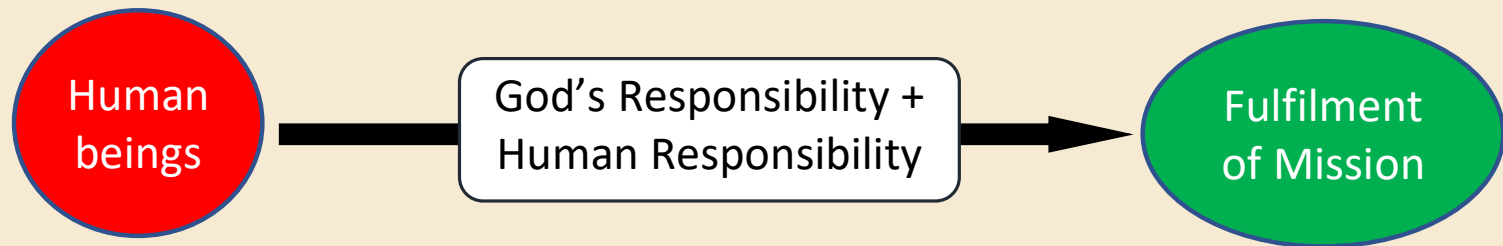
*The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*

*(Peter says) "... In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him." Acts 10: 34-35*

*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15*

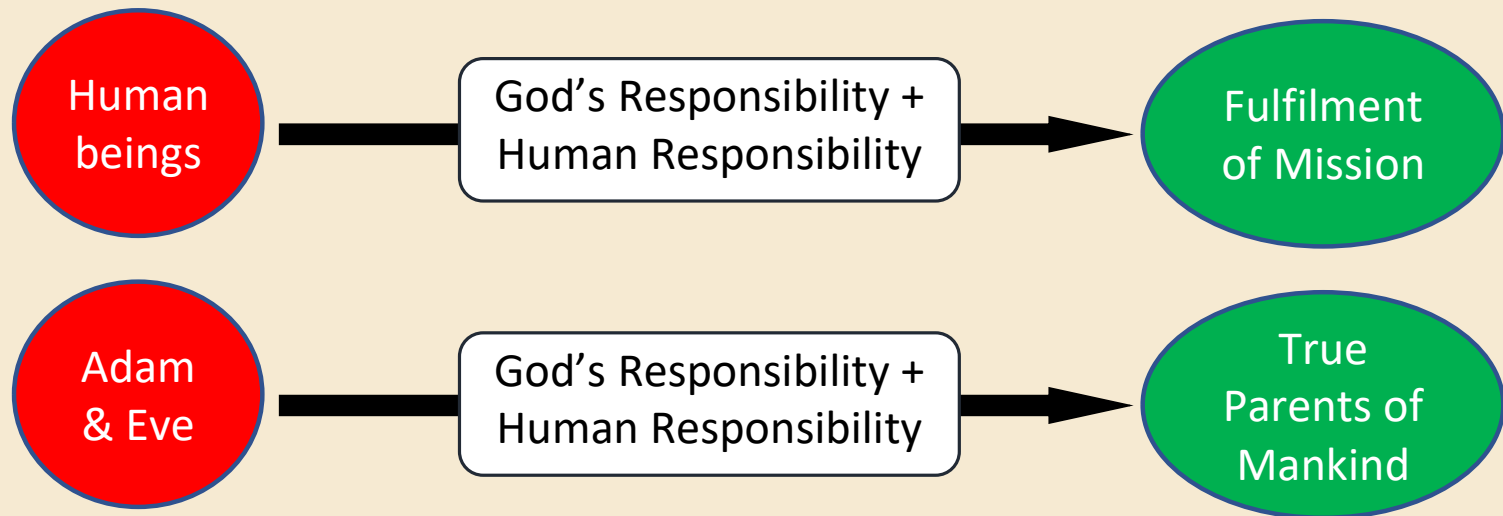
*... God ... desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim 2:3-4*

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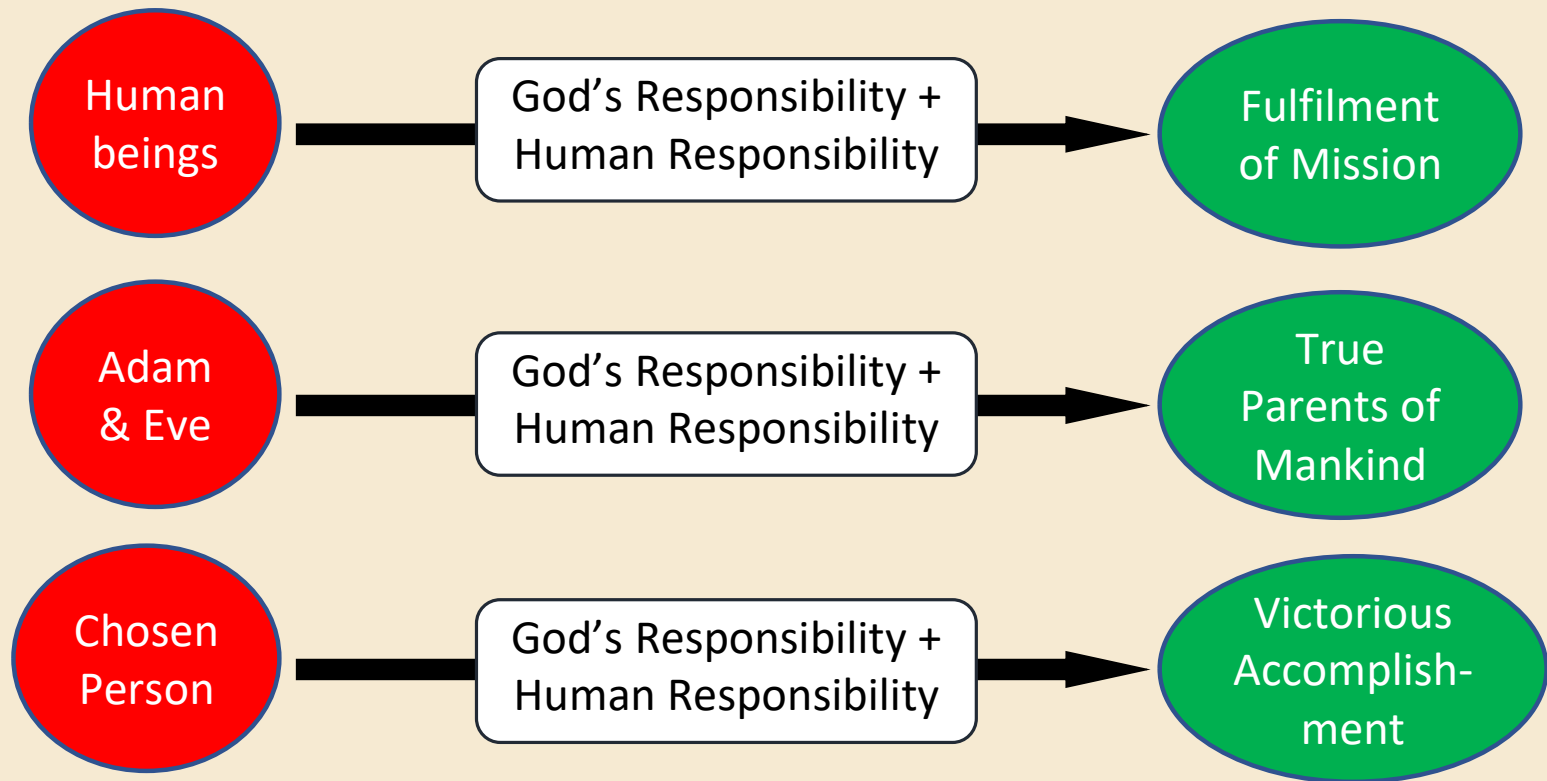




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# Criteria for the Selection of Central Figures

- The nation in which they live (such as the chosen nation)
- The ancestral foundation they stand on
- Their personal character
- Conditions they established in their own lives
- The time and place required by Heaven for the mission

# Chosen People are Required to Fulfill their 5%

- *God told Samuel the prophet, “I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments.” (1 Sam 15:11)*
- *Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. (Jonah 3:10)*
- *And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:26)*

# Bible Prophecies Reveal Multiple Paths

- Although God's Will is always that man will obey His Word, God knows man's imperfection and his potential for failure.
- Obedience to God's Word brings God's desired outcome and the quickest path to restoration, while disobedience leads to a different, prolonged path.
- The Bible often reveals more than one scenario. The actual outcome depends on human beings' response to God's Word.
- Prior to Christ's birth in Israel 2,000 years ago, God revealed the possible outcomes through various prophecies. (Isaiah 9, 11, 60; Luke 1:31-33; Isaiah 53)

## Clarification of Romans 8:29-30

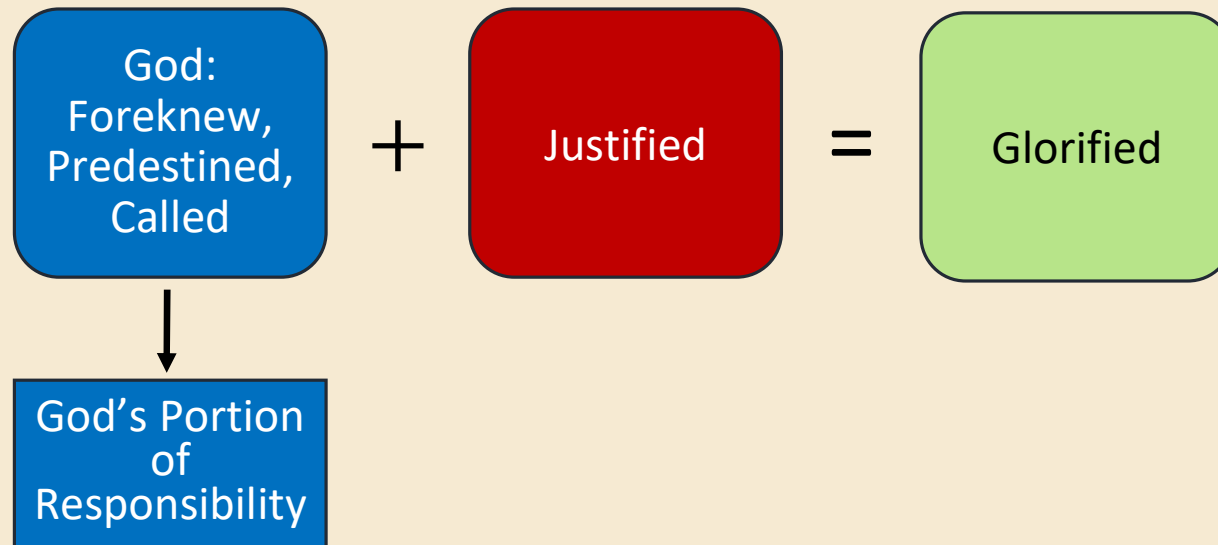
- *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

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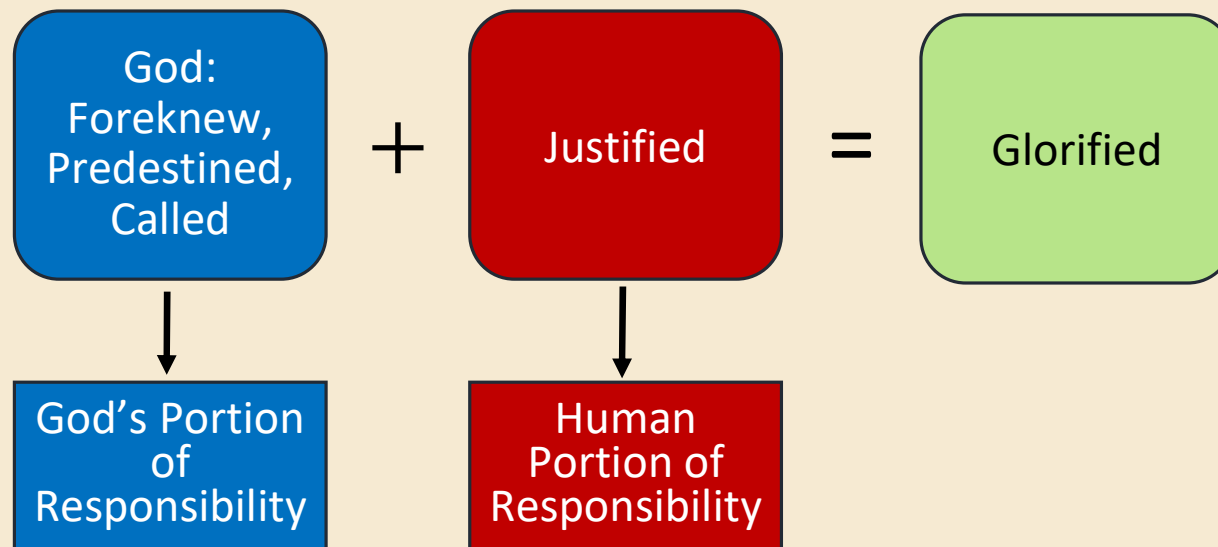


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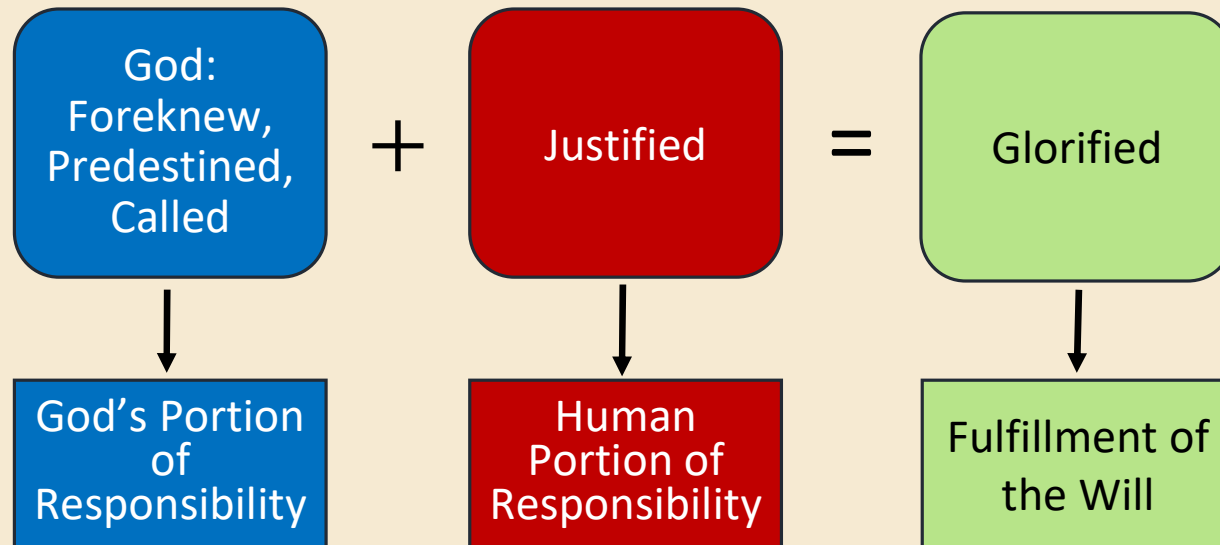




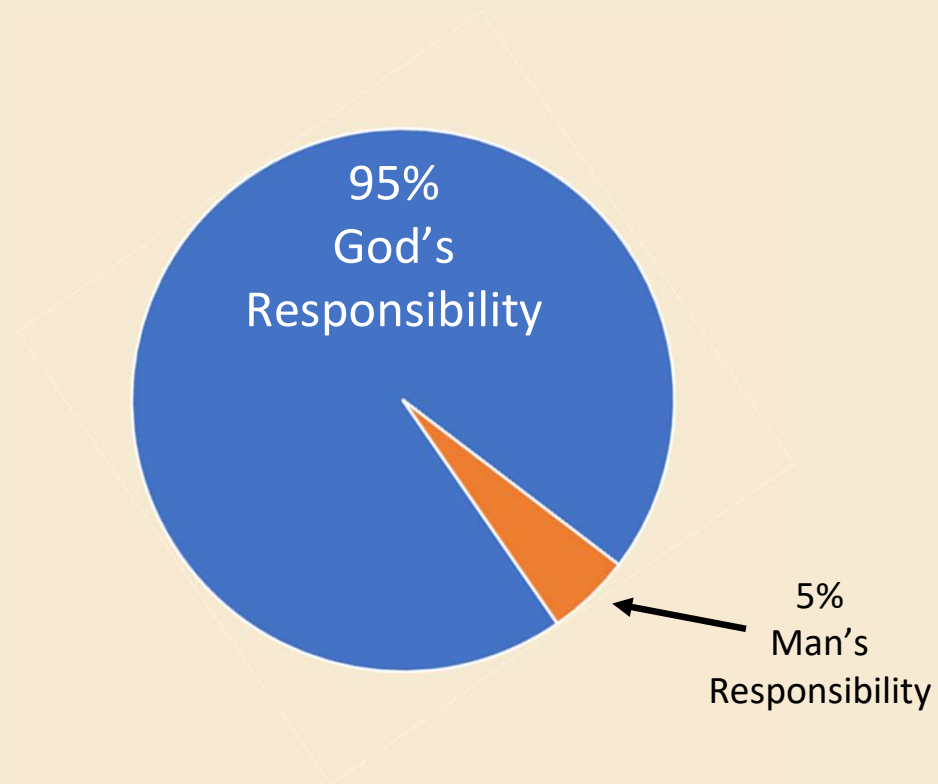
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# The Fulfillment of God's Will



## Why God Gave Human Beings a Portion of Responsibility

- In order for them to stand in the position as His sons and daughters
- So that He could love them more than any other being in creation
- To make them worthy to be the lords of creation by having them take after His creative nature

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*Had Adam and Eve not fallen, they would have become monarchs of love who, by perfecting themselves as God's incarnations would fulfill their portions of responsibility, connecting the realms of direct and indirect dominion on earth through God's love. Then God would live in the hearts of Adam and Eve, and the spirits of Adam and Eve would become God's body. They would become one body. Together, they would share and breathe divine and human love eternally.*

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, *Cheon Seong Gyeong* p. 732

Thank You Very Much!