

WORD OF THE WEEK

The Subject: All that the Father Giveth Me

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John 6:39 -- of All which He hath given me I should lose nothing --

II Peter 3:9 -- The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that all (of us) should perish, but that all (of us) should come to repentance,

Men pervert the scripture saying God does not want any man to perish. "The Lord hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil (Prov.16:4)". God loved Jacob and hated Esau, before either were born, and before either had done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand (Rom. 9:11-13). Paul said again, that God, as the potter, has the power over the clay of the same lump (Jacob & Esau were twin brothers from the same womb) to make one unto honour (Jacob) and another unto dishonour (Esau). (Rom. 9:21). It is God's choice. "He doeth what he will -- Dan. 4:35". He has compassion and mercy on whom he desires. (Rom. 9:15). It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. (Rom. 9:16). The Jews said to Jesus, "how long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, "Ye believe not because ye are not of my sheep (John 10:26). Jesus said, "My Father gave them to me (John 10:29), and I give my sheep eternal life (John 10:28). Salvation is not a biological miracle. Jesus does not turn goats into sheep, giving them life. He has owned his sheep from the foundation of the world (II Tim. 1:9; Eph. 1:4). When sheep are lost on the mountain side or in the valley, they always belong to the shepherd, and he will seek and save everyone that he owns (Luke 19:10). God has planted the hearing ear (Prov. 20:12). When he calls, they will hear and follow (John 10:4). In the last days, men will scoff at the promise of Christ to redeem his people (II Pet. 3:4). The original text gives our answer to the scoffers, refuting them saying, "He is not willing that any of us (his sheep) should perish, but that all of us (that he owns from the beginning) should come to repentance (II Pet. 3:9). He will not allow the roaring lion or the devouring wolf to consume even one of his sheep. No one can pluck them out of his hand (John 10:28-29) He will lose nothing.

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