

Foreordained by God

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I thank you today that as you are listening, you are open for what the Lord has to say from His Word. I was thinking about this and about our God. He did not just start on a certain day in time, but our God knew all about the fact that He was going to come into this world system. He was going to come and rescue somebody like you and somebody like me. In **Revelation 13, verse 8**, we read . . . **of the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world**. In other words, this was foreordained by God. His death was planned.

Now, no doubt, you have been to a funeral of a loved one or a funeral of a friend. Sometimes it has been because of a long illness that this person eventually died; or it could be that a young person for no reason died; or an accident occurred. Although we live with death all around us, it is not something we are necessarily always working out which will be my day when I die. You see, . . . **it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment**. So every one of us has to face this thing called death. “Oh,” you say, “this is a bit gloomy! I don’t know whether I need this today; I need something cheery. I don’t want to even think about death.” You know, that is the problem. When we are with our best friends, we talk about anything and everything but what about when we die.

Where are we going to go? “Oh,” we say, “I have it well taken care of. I am sure it will all work out for good, because there have been some rather nice things I have done for people.” We are somehow excusing ourselves as we consider death. It is very clear in the Word that the death of our Lord Jesus Christ was foreordained. He knew about it. Before He came as that precious, spotless, sinless Son of God, taking upon Himself flesh when He came into that womb of Mary so many years ago now, God knew, and Jesus knew He was born to die.

It is an interesting commentary that Peter made when he preached on that great day of Pentecost. **Acts chapter 2.** As he was preaching — we read something that always grips me — He said —

22 . . . hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him - that is Jesus - being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God . . .

What in the world is all that? In other words, it was clearly declared here in Scripture that this was determined by the foreknowledge, by the counsel; it was all put together of God that He would die, and exactly what would happen. . . . **ye have**

taken, and by wicked hands, have crucified and slain.

This is a frightening thought when you consider that you and I are responsible for the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. You see, Jesus was available always to the Father as man and as His Son. This God-man came into this world. This was determined.

Peter goes on to say in this sermon that it is all about Jesus being the Messiah. He does not come up to the main theme until the end of other arguments, but he doesn't forget to bring up that main theme.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. In other words, it was predetermined what would happen.

I want you to understand that when God foreordained that Jesus should come, He foreordained that Jesus should die as the Only Sin Bearer. There is no way to Heaven but to turn to the Lord Jesus. He is the Only Sin Bearer. Would you see that all your arguments come to nothing, if you cannot say, *As a sinner, I receive You, Lord Jesus?* As you in turn do this, you will want to bring others to see that is why you are here on planet earth, that you can share with others the need to know this One who determined before the ages to die for you.

Would you say *Thank You, Lord*, even now?

In Jesus' precious Name. Amen.