

Matters for Prayer

- Lael and Laura Luxford, South Sudan
- Australian Christian Lobby
- Jacob Damkani, Trumpet of Salvation, Israel
- Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
- Island Gospel Ministries, Bohol, Philippines
- Maranatha Christian School, Talibon, Philippines
- Creation Ministries International
- Herald of Hope
- Sri Lankan Fellowship
- Korean Fellowship
- Those sick amongst the fellowship
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church
- Matthew Khanzadeh with his ministry into Afghanistan and Iran using Zoom

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- CBC Statement of faith
- Links to missions supported
- Online Sunday morning messages

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in
the Word of God

Newsletter – September 2023



*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher
of our faith*

Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service

**A question that has arisen in the church is:
What is predestination?**

Predestination is one of the most divisive doctrines in the Bible. It has been particularly associated with the teachings St Augustine of Hippo and of Calvin. The Greek word *proorizo*, which carries the meaning of determining certain things to occur ahead of time as a Greek word *proorizo*, carries the meaning of “determining beforehand,” “ordaining,” “deciding ahead of time.” So, predestination is God determining certain things to occur ahead of time.

Many believe that the elect are predestined for heaven from all eternity and the rest, either God predetermines them for hell (double predestination) or God effectively leaves them to their own devices. A question we are concerned with is, “Did God predestine people to hell?”

Those who believe in the doctrine of predestination appeal to Romans 9:22-23. It says,²² What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? ²³ And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory . . . Romans 9:22-23 (NASB)

A plain sense reading seems to teach that the phrase “vessels of wrath prepared for destruction” means God prepared some people for destruction, or hell. Also, in verse 23, the phrase “vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory” seems to teach that God prepared some people for glory, or heaven. That is, God has determined which people will go to heaven and hell.

Romans 22-23 actually says almost the opposite from what is considered the plain reading of these verses. God did not create those for destruction like that ,But God endured with these vessels, such that they brought the evil of themselves and it could legitimately be paraphrased to say in verse 22 “endured with much patience vessels of wrath who prepared themselves for destruction?” Romans 9:22-23 could be considered to be in what is called the middle voice;, where destruction is brought upon them, but they bring it on themselves and they get what they so desire.

When God hardens a person’s heart, He never changes their minds. So with Adam and Eve when they handed their dominion over to Satan, God respected the dominion God gave them. With Pharaoh God hardened His heart by sending plagues He knew what Pharaoh was going the doing it was do but it was Pharaoh’s decision to do it. In hell no one will be able point the finger at God and say, “You made me like this.”

September 2023, at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 3 th September	9.30 am	Family Prayer October
	10 am	Family Worship Service speaker: Karl Irving Speaking on 1 Samuel 15 Saul disobeys the command of God
Tuesday, 5 th September	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 10 th September	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on 1 Samuel 16 David anointed as king
Tuesday, 12 th September	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 17 th September	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Speaking on 1 Samuel 17 David and Goliath
Tuesday, 19 th September	7.30pm	Creation Meeting at the church
Sunday 24 th September	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Steve Hilly Speaking on 1 Samuel 25 David and the wife of Nabal
Tuesday, 26 th August	7.00pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 1 st September	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on 1 Samuel 28:2-25 Saul consults a medium

See also: www.cbc.sn.au/calendar

* Tuesday & Thursday Night Bible Studies – See Karl Irving for Details

* Women’s Bible Study- Thursday mornings – See Judy Irving for details.