

No One Can Snatch Them Out of My Hand

by Thomas Brooks

The sermon emphasizes the unchangeable nature of God's purpose and its assurance for believers' salvation.

Scripture: Psalm 33:11, Proverbs 19:21, Isaiah 46:10, John 10:27-29, Romans 8:35-39, Romans 9:15-16, 2 Timothy 1:8-9

Topics: "God's Sovereignty", "Assurance of Salvation"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the unchanging and sovereign purpose of God, asserting that His eternal plans are the foundation of all spiritual blessings and the assurance of salvation for believers. He explains that God's immutable essence, wisdom, goodness, sovereignty, and power ensure that no one can be snatched from His hand, providing comfort and security to Christians. Brooks highlights that the reason for one person's salvation over another lies in God's eternal purpose and mercy, which is not dependent on human effort. The sermon reassures believers that their happiness and future hope stem from God's unwavering purpose, allowing them to live without fear of losing their salvation.

Transcript

"My purpose will stand, and I will do all that

I please." Isaiah 46:10

"The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations."

Psalm 33:11

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the

Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21

God's eternal purpose never changes, never alters.

The immutability of God's purpose, springs from . . .

the unchangeableness of His essence,

the perfection of His wisdom,

the infiniteness of His goodness,
the absoluteness of His sovereignty,
the omnipotency of His power.

The gracious purpose of God is the fountain-head
of all our spiritual blessings. It is the foundational cause
of our effectual calling, justification, glorification. It
is the highest link in the golden chain of salvation.

What is the reason that one man is everlastingly saved
--and not another? It is from the eternal purpose of God.

The purpose of God is the sovereign cause of all that
eternal good which comes to man. All a believer's present
happiness, and all his future happiness--springs from the
eternal purpose of God.

"God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not
because of anything we have done, but because of His
own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ
Jesus before the beginning of time." 2 Timothy 1:8-9

"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
man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy."

Romans 9:15-16

There is no man, no power, no devil, no violent temptation
--which shall ever be able to overturn those whom God has
chosen. "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and
they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall
never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand.

My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all;
no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand."

John 10:27-29. (Also, Romans 8:35-39)

If the purpose of God was uncertain, a Christian could never have a good day all his days; his whole life would be filled up with tears, doubts, disputes, distractions, etc. He would be still a-crying out, "Oh, I can never be sure that God will be mine, or that Christ will be mine, or that mercy will be mine, or that pardon of sin will be mine, or that heaven will be mine! Oh, I can never be sure that I shall escape the great damnation, the worm which never dies, the fire which never goes out, or eternal separation from the glorious presence of the Lord!"

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