Bible Student's Notebook

The Herald of His Grace

Presenting every man perfect in Christ Jesus. Colossians 1:28

Volume 41 Issue 1009

Did God Predestinate Everything that Happens?

by — Johann Grobler

Ken Points:

No one and nothing can and will stop God from o	carrying out His
plan and purposes	8491
God knows everything about everything	
Our life is preplanned by God	8494
God calls out the weak and stupid	

Anyone who propagates "the free will of man" de	nies God's
sovereignty	8495
'Name it and claim it" is not scriptural	8497
God is totally in control of everything. Rest in it,	rejoice in
it	8498

he answer will depend on one's view of God. The correct view can be determined only from Scripture.

Scripture makes statements about God that explain God's greatness, but which so highly value God's insight, knowledge, wisdom and power that it is not possible for man to comprehend it.

David writes of God's perfect knowledge of David's ways and means:

You understand my thought afar off ...

Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

You have enclosed me behind and before ... Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it (Psalm 139:2-6).1

God is God. He is sovereign. No one and nothing can and will stop Him from carrying out His plan and purposes.

1. New American Standard, New King James and Concordant Versions used throughout this article, unless otherwise indicated.

... I am God, and there is no other ... Declaring the end from the beginning, and

from ancient times things which have not been done; saying, "My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all

My good pleasure" ... (Isaiah 46:9-10).

All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing; but He does according to His will in the host of Heaven and among the inhabitants of the Earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, "What have you done?" (Daniel 4:35).

The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision *is from the LORD* (Proverbs 16:33).

God is working all things in accordance with His will.

... who works all things according to the counsel of His will (Ephesians 1:11).

(continued on page 8493)

Did God Predestinate Everything that Hap-	
pens?	8491
Least Trifle (quote)	8498

How to Access Our Resources

Our Main Website:

http://www.StudyShelf.com

Daily Email Goodies Signup:

http://www.pilkingtonandsons.com/emailgoodies.htm

Bible Student's Notebook Electronic Issues:

http://www.biblestudentsnotebook.com/volumes.html

Bible Student's Notebook Bound Volumes:

http://www.biblestudentsnotebook.com/volumes.html

Bible Student's Notebook Master Index:

http://www.biblestudentsnotebook.com/bsnindex.html

Videos:

https://www.youtube.com/user/1424241

Audios:

http://www.biblestudentsradio.com/audios.html

Themed Blogs:

http://pilkingtonandsons.com/ourblogs.htm

Bibles:

http://www.studyshelf.com/bibles.htm

Books by Clyde Pilkington:

http://www.pilkingtonandsons.com/clp.htm

Books by Author:

http://www.pilkingtonandsons.com/author.htm

Books by Subject:

http://www.pilkingtonandsons.com/books.htm

Newest Book Releases:

http://pilkingtonandsons.com/

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/clyde.pilkington

Facsimile Project:

http://www.studyshelf.com/facsimile.htm

Donate:

http://pilkingtonandsons.com/donate.htm

Bible Student's Resource Index:

https://biblestudentsresourceindex.blogspot.com/

A Directory of Multi-Media Biblical Resources.

Bible Student's Version:

https://biblestudentsversion.wordpress.com/

A Continuing, Composite Translation of Scripture.

Standardized Scripture Terminology:

https://standardizedscriptureterminology.wordpress.com/

Clarifying Confusing Scripture Terms.

Online Kev:

http://studyshelf.com/abbreviation-key.pdf

Definitions of abbreviations/acronyms.

Online Order Form:

http://studyshelf.com/orderform-studyshelf.pdf

e-Books:

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=clyde+Pilkington+kindle

Bible Student's Notebook[™]

Paul Our Guide - Christ Our Goal

ISSN: 1936-9360

Volume 41, No. 1009 - February 26, 2024 Scripture education in a weekly format!

This *free* electronic publication is dedicated to:

- the absolute sovereignty and deity of God (Romans 11:36);
- the proclamation of the riches of God's abundant, exceeding grace (Romans 5:20; 11:6; Ephesians 1:7);
- the affirmation that God will save all through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (I Timothy 2:3, 4; 4:10; Titus 2:11); the universality of death and resurrection (I Corinthians
- the unique gospel of Paul which he calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13-28; Acts 20:24):
- the "preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret in ages past" (Romans 16:25); the epistles of the present Secret Administration being Ephe-
- sians & Colossians (Ephesians 3:2, 9; Colossians 1:25)
- true freedom and liberty apart from law (Galatians 5:1); the organic nature of the One Body (Ephesians 4:16);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Célestial hope and calling of the One Body (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding and fear (Mark 7:7, 13);
- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with: total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);

- union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seated position among the celestials (Ephesians 2:6);
- adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

This publication is the product of humble efforts of ordinary men intended to stimulate the earnest study of Scripture. We do not claim infallibility for the contents of this publication; thus they are not meant to imply finality on any subject discussed, or that further research would not add further light from the Word of God. God's storehouse of truth is inexhaustible, so draw on its wealth by prayerful study. Our readers are asked to be as the Bereans and search the Scriptures (Acts 17:10-11; I Thessalonians 5:21).

This publication is not connected with any "church," "denomination," "movement," "organization," "mission," "creed, "meeting," "school," "conference" or "fellowship."

We are always open for discussion, but never for disputation. – André Sneidar

Bible Student's Notebook™

PO Box 265, Windber, PA 15963

Office: (800) 784-6010 – Local: (814) 701-0063

bsn@studyshelf.com

Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. - Editor-in-Chief André Sneidar - Executive Editor

Associate Editors: J. Blake Botner, Chris Carnahan, James Fine, Steve Martin, Mark Peters, Mark Vogt, Dean Wilkinson

Assistant Editors: Will Marshall, De Trefethen

Managers and Assistants

Clyde L. Pilkington, III, Nathan H. Pilkington, Stephen Hill Copyright © 1989-2024 Bible Student's Press

Everything that exists came from God's essence. Everything that exists is by His doing. All that exists is destined to be for Him and in harmony with Him.

For out of Him and through Him and for Him are all things (Romans 11:36).

Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, out of Whom all things are, and we for Him ... (I Corinthians 8:6).

And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One Who subjected all things to Him, that God may be All in all (I Corinthians 15:28).

... by the exertion of the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself (Philippians 3:21).

God has determined the limits of the oceans, and throughout human history laid down the boundaries of nations.

They [the waters that covered the Earth, :6-7] ascended over the mountains; they descended to the valleys, to the place you had founded for them. You placed a boundary that they would never pass ... (Psalm 104:8-9).

... and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation (Acts 17:26).

God is omniscient. He knows everything about ev-

erything. From the farthest reaches of the universe to the smallest microscopic particles – to the smallest detail. Nothing escapes His knowledge.

... God ... knows all things (I John 3:20).

Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet none of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered (Matthew 10:29-30).

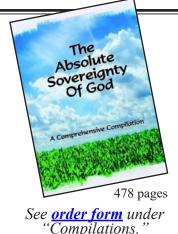
He counts the number of the stars, He gives names to them all ... His understanding is infinite (Psalm 147:4-5).

Before the foundation [correct translation is "disruption"] of the world, God determined certain things. For example, that a Savior would appear to mankind and conquer evil by His death – like a lamb slain; and He ordained those who would be chosen to be holy and blameless before God in Christ as His Son (I Peter 1:19-20; Revelation 13:8; Ephesians 1:4; II Timothy 1:9).

... chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father (I Peter 1:2).

From the foundation of the world, God decreed that there would be a kingdom on Earth that could be inherited by nations who were kind to His people (Matthew 25:34); that certain peoples' names will appear in the Book of Life (Revelation 17:8).²

2. [Editor:] Although Revelation 17:8 is a direct reference to those "not written in the Book of Life," there will be those who are recorded there, and they will be the righteous citizens of the Nation Israel. For more information on "the Book of Life," watch for the Reader's Question Box on this subject in the upcoming Bible Student's Notebook 1015.



The Absolute Sovereignty of God

(A Comprehensive Compilation)

This quintessential book victoriously celebrates and convincingly proclaims the absolute sovereignty of God. Sadly, religion has veiled the truth of the God of the Bible, making Him either an aloof deity, indifferent to the condition of the creation, or one who is at the worst cruel or at the least unloving and uncaring. Yet the loving Deity of Sacred Scripture always has had and will have sole and complete control over His entire creation. This ultimate collection of 100 works by 34 authors spans nearly 175 years. It is an extensive reference work that is essential for every library.

There are good works that believers have done and are still doing and will do, which God has already prepared.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10).

Known to God from of old are all His works (Acts 15:17-18).

God knew about every person before he or she was conceived. He forms the person in the womb and determines what that person's temperament and personality will be, even before his or her birth. That person's days are prerecorded in God's planning and thoughts.

This sounds too unrealistic – too outrageous to most people. Objections to that view come to mind. The usual objections I will address below.

Yet look at what Scripture says:

For You formed my inward parts. You covered me in my mother's womb ... My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book, they were all written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them (Psalm 139:13-16).

Now the Word of the Lord came to me saying: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. And before you were born I consecrated you. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:4-5).

And now says the LORD, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant ... (Isaiah 49:5).

A priest named Zacharias and his wife, Elizabeth, were childless. One day while Zacharias was serving in the temple, an angel appeared to him. Following are the angel's [messenger's] words to him:

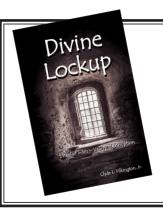
Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord ... and be filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother's womb ... He who will go as a forerunner before Him in *the spirit and power of Elijah ...* (Luke 1:13-17).

It may be argued that David, Isaiah, Jeremiah and John the Baptist were special people with a particular calling, and that what is recorded of their calling before birth does not necessarily apply to all people.

It is certainly not impossible for God to determine each person's life path and fate in advance. He loves everyone - even those who consider themselves enemies of God and act that way.

Scripture teaches that those who have been called by God are generally not the smartest and most influential people, but rather the weaker ones, and they are known by God beforehand – even before the foundation [disruption] of the world.

For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the



Divine Lockup

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

This work deals scripturally with God's sovereignty in the midst of humanity's current condition of, and future deliverance from, unbelief, sin, vanity and corruption. Without question, for all creation, the best is yet to come.

66 pages

See order form under "Clyde Pilkington."

world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised, God has chosen ... (I Corinthians 1:26-28).

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son ... and whom He predestined, them He also called ... (Romans 8:29-30).

... just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world ... (Ephesians 1:4).

There are numerous examples in Scripture where it is evident that certain events that appear to be trivial, or even unjust or cruel, were orchestrated by God.

A classic example is the disgusting manner in which Joseph's brothers treated him. Years later when Joseph saw his brothers again and had a chance to identify himself, he said,

... you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive (Genesis 50:20).

Joseph had wonderful insight – but the implications extend far beyond what he thought, because a consequence from the events is that Jacob and his sons went to Egypt to settle there (Genesis 45:25-46:7). This, in turn, was fulfillment of God's plan that He had revealed to Abram long before:

And God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years ... and afterward they will come out with many possessions ... (Genesis 15:13-14).

The table was set by God to make the exodus happen. About 400 years later Pharaoh's daughter is by the river at the right moment to take a bath and to spot baby Moses in the basket on the water among the reeds. Her maids were also present.

Coincidental? That, of the hundreds of thousands of inhabitants of Egypt, it must be Pharaoh's daughter whose path crossed with Moses in a basket on the Nile River?

The rest of the story is well known – and it all "apparently" began when Joseph had strange dreams which he shared with his brothers, and the dreams annoyed them and made them dislike him.

No! That was *not* the beginning! It began when God decreed it that way!

David's father requested him to take food supplies to his brothers (I Samuel 17:17-37). Coincidental?

How does it culminate? David versus Goliath! From that time David was a hero figure in Israel, and it paved the way for his later kingship that in turn opened the way for his future kingship over Israel (Jeremiah 30:9).

Objections

Let us look at the objections that are often raised.

"If what you are stating is correct, then man does not have free will! Then all are robots – or like puppets – controlled from Above."

For many years I believed that God was a "gentleman" and would not force anyone to do anything. Where in Scripture does it say that? I don't believe it anymore.

It is correct that every human being has a will, but how free is that will? A free will means that one's own will cannot be exercised [or, forced] under duress or outside influence or enactment of circumstances.

Every thought of every human being is the result of influence and circumstances. Every human being is born with a particular temperament and personality. Every person is influenced by his or her parents or those who played the role of parent in his or her life. God already had knowledge and insight into this before the birth of the person. In fact, *He is the Creator and Author of everyone's life story*.

The only One Who has an absolute free will is God Himself. Anyone who propagates "the free will of man" denies God's sovereignty. If there is a God, and there is only one God, then there cannot be others who have a free will. If creatures have free will, then the creature is equal to or greater than the Creator. There can be *only* One with absolute free will.

Issue 1009

No creature is like a robot or puppet. Put a piece of grilled steak in front of a dog - he will devour it. Is the dog a robot or a puppet? No. Is the dog forced to eat the meat? No. It is his innate taste (which comes from God) that makes him consume the meat.

One of the few (perhaps the only?) commands that God gave to man at the beginning, and which man obeyed, was to multiply. Remember, at that time there were no contraceptives. Man has multiplied. Was it under duress? Were the humans robots? No, God has put strong sex drives in men and women. There was no way that mankind would frustrate God's will.

How much free will did Pharaoh have when he so stubbornly refused Israel's requests, if God hardened his heart (cf. Exodus 4:21; 7:3; 10:1; Romans 9:17)?

How much free will did Cyrus, king of Persia, have when God put it in his heart to rebuild His house in Jerusalem (cf. Ezra 1:3; II Chronicles 36:23)?

How much free will did John the Baptist have when he opened the way for Jesus' ministry, in fulfillment of a prophecy from Isaiah (cf. Isaiah 40:3-5; Luke 3:3-6)?

How much free will did Judas Iscariot have when, in fulfillment of Psalm 41:9 and Zechariah 11:12, he betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (cf. Matthew 26:14-15; Luke 22:47-48)?

How much free will did Peter have when Jesus foretold that he would deny Him thrice? And he truly did (cf. Luke 22:34, 54-62). How about the cock that crowed at exactly the right moment (cf. Luke 22:60)?

How much free will do people have if God hardens their hearts or blinds them to the truth (cf. John 14:20; Romans 9:18; Galatians 3:22)?

A further objection people make when they hear that God is or was hardening people's hearts is,

"How can God blame people who reject the truth?"

Paul answers thus:

You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable, and another for common use? (Romans 9:19-21).

Later, Paul explains that the hardening is only temporary anyway (cf. Romans 11:25-27).

God has shut up all in disobedience that He *might show mercy to all* (:32).

Finally, how much free will did Paul have, who was bent on wiping out believers, when he met with Jesus in blinding light and then made a total turnaround (Acts 9)?

The saying "man proposes, but God disposes" is scriptural.

The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps (Proverbs 16:9).



by — George Addair

The trend of the centuries has consistently been that of the exaltation of man and the abasement of God. Many feel that the Creator has delegated His rule and authority to the use or abuse of the creature. They have reduced God and His Divine office to the extent that multitudes of people now have only a superficial conception of Him.

See order form under "Other Authors."



I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself; nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps (Jeremiah 10:23).

"What about Satan and all of the evil and iniquity in the world? You make God responsible for it!"

Few realize that God has the right to create evil. Indeed, He does, and yes, He takes full responsibility for it! It would be against God's nature to sin. To sin means to miss the mark. God does not miss His mark, but He can and has already created evil for His ultimate purposes.

The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity. I, am the LORD, Who does all these (Isaiah 45:7).

Yet He also is wise, and will bring disaster ... (Isaiah 31:2).

... If a calamity occurs in a city, has not the LORD done it? (Amos 3:6).

Satan was created by God. Do not bring Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 in here, for those chapters are not about Satan, but about the kings of Babylon and Tyre, respectively. Satan *was not* an angel [messenger] who was initially good and just, and then later became an adversary of God.

... for the Devil has sinned from the beginning (I John 3:8).

Satan was created by God, and God uses Satan so that, for a certain time period, creation can experience and taste good and evil, so that in the consummation when death as the last enemy is conquered, there will be absolute appreciation of God and Jesus Christ, without any opposition for what they stand for (*cf.* I Corinthians 15:25-28; Philippians 2:9-11).

"What about prayer? What is the use of prayer if you cannot move God to intervene?"

The main purpose of prayer is communication between man and God. Any relationship requires communication. Prayer need not be limited by utterance of words – it can include groanings and thoughts directed to God (Romans 8:26-27). The dominant

theme should be praise and expression of thanks, *not* a shopping list of requests (I Thessalonians 5:17-18; Ephesians 5:20).

God knows better than we do what is and is not good for us. "Name it and claim it" is not scriptural. No man can bend God's will.

And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us (I John 5:14).

Remember, God can put the thought of asking something in prayer in a person, and then, for the glory of His name, answer that prayer that is in any case in accordance with His will.

"How about Ecclesiastes 9:11 which says. '... time and chance happen to them all'?"

Most translations translate the Hebrew *pega*' as "chance." It does not seem to be a good translation. The only other place in Scripture where *pega*' occurs is I Kings 5:4, where the *NKJV* translates it as "evil occurrence," the *NASV* as "misfortune," and the *CV* as "oncoming evil." So, it has to do with setbacks or adversity. The *CB* also states that a better translation than "chance" is "misfortune," and that is indeed what the verse tells us: everyone at times experience misfortune or evil. It is not that everything happens just by chance, because if that were the case, it would contradict all of the texts that describe God's sovereignty and involvement.

"What about Genesis 6:6 which says that God was sorry or 'repented ... that He had made man'?"

In Scripture it sometimes happens that God is described in human terms so that we can better relate to Him. This is especially so before Jesus came to make God known as Father (John 1:18). In this regard there is a figure of speech known as "condescension," *i.e.*, where God, Who is spirit and is invisible, is described as if He has a face, or arms, etc.

Also, the texts stating that God tested someone should be seen as figure of speech. God already knew how that person would react.

Thus, in Genesis 22:12 where God, manifested as

Œ

an angel [messenger], says to Abraham, "For now I know that you are in awe of God; You have not withheld your son, your only one, from Me," is understood, "Now I have demonstrated by way of an experiment, that which I already knew."

The same can be said of God's question to Adam, "Where have you been?" while God knew perfectly well where Adam and Eve were hiding (*cf.* Psalm 139:7-9).

The fact is, God is Omniscient, and He declares the end from the beginning. Nothing happens that is not according to His absolute will.

God determined in advance, even before He created Adam, that sin would come into the world, and He, in His plan, slaughtered the Lamb "before the foundation of the world" (I Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8) and set the stage to abolish evil.

Genesis 6:6 depicts God's grief over the sinful state of mankind, but it does not take away from the fact that He planned it that way. Perhaps a good comparison is a parent who chastises his or her child with a heavy heart, but also knows it is good for the child.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

We tend to underestimate God. If we speak of intellect and wisdom, the gap between God and man (even the most brilliant genius) is larger than the gap between man and an ant. God says,

Yes, My plans are not your plans, and your paths are not My paths ... for as Heaven is higher than Earth, so are My paths higher than your paths,

and My plans as your plans ... so shall My Word go forth from My mouth: It will ... do what I want, and accomplish the purpose for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:8-11).

God is God. He is totally in control of everything. Rest in it, *rejoice in it* – for He knows what He is doing, and where all things are heading.

Johann Grobler, of South Africa, has been a practicing lawyer since 1978, who has dedicated much of his life to learning the truth about God and His plan. He holds a master's degree in theology from North-West University. For a time, he served as part-time pastor. He now enjoys independent study and local fellowship with a few of God's called-out ones. His writings are available on his website GodisGod.co.za, where every article is in English as well as in Afrikaans, an official language of South Africa. He is also the Coordinator of Curriculum Resources for *Bible Student's Courses*.

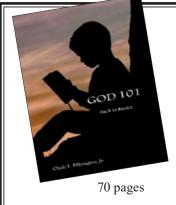
TOPICS:

Major: Omniscience; Sovereignty *Minor*: Evil; Free Will; Prayer

... It is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment ... (KJV)

... It is the least trifle that I may be being examined by you or by man's day ... (CV)

I Corinthians 4:3-4



God 101: Back to Basics

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Sadly, there are some who would teach of a god who somehow does not know all things, is not all powerful, is not sovereign, and is always changing his mind. This may be a god of religion, but it is not the God of Scripture. This work goes back to the basics, back to a scriptural foundation of the True and Living God.

See order form under "Clyde Pilkington."



Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to invite you to an enriching and spiritually uplifting weekend at the **Pennsylvania Scripture Conference**, set to take place on March 23-24, 2024. This event promises to be a remarkable journey of faith, fellowship and deeper understanding.

"Truthing in Love"

A Weekend of Study & Fellowship

But truthing in love, we should grow up unto Him in all, Who is the Head, Christ (Ephesians 4:15, LET).

When & Where:

Dates: Saturday, March 23 (9:45-5:00) & Sunday, March 24 (9:45-12:00)

Location: Johnstown, PA (John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport, 479 Airport Rd., John-

stown, PA 15904)

Encouraging Teachers:

We are blessed to have an incredible lineup of teachers, including Clyde Pilkington, Stephen Hill, André Sneidar, Mark Vogt and Mike Owens. Their insights and teachings are sure to enlighten and encourage.

RSVP – Reserve Your Spot!

Limited seating. Please let us know if you plan to attend by sending an RSVP via e-mail or phone/text.

Contact Steve Martin at biblestudentsnotebook@gmail.com or 610-909-9285.

Special Moments to Look Forward To:

Scripture Teaching: Experience thirteen engaging half-hour sessions, each brimming with truth and insights, presented by our lineup of teachers.

Morning Fellowship: Doors open at 9:00 AM each day. Join us early for heartwarming fellowship accompanied by coffee, pastries and fruit.

Complimentary Lunch: A light lunch will be provided on Saturday, allowing more time for engaging discussions and camaraderie.

Evening Fellowship: Each day concludes with an opportunity to relax and socialize at a local restaurant. Details to follow!

Why You Shouldn't Miss This:

This conference is more than just an event; it's an opportunity to be part of a community seeking deeper understanding and connection. Discover God's purpose for the One Body, explore New Testament teachings about demons, and be moved by Mike's journey to understanding the sovereignty of God and the salvation of all. Most importantly, the fellowship and shared experiences will surely uplift your spirit and strengthen your faith.

We eagerly look forward to welcoming you to a weekend of spiritual growth, heartfelt connections, and memorable experiences. Let's come together to be encouraged and rejuvenated in our faith journey.

Session Topics

Clyde Pilkington:

"Truthing in Love" (Ephesians 4:15)

The Final Word (Ephesians & Colossians)

The Dilemma of Prayer (Cripiling Effect of Traditional Prayer)

Adversarial Distractions (Sidetracks of the Enemy)

The Ascension Gifts (The mythical Pastor, etc.)

Three Spheres of Glory (Where is *your* sphere of hope?)

God's Present Purpose (Our alignment with God)

Mike Owens:

How a Deadly Tornado Revealed God's Perfect Hand in All Things

André Sneidar:

Where We Fit in Prophecy

Stephen Hill:

Casting Out "Little Teachings" (The Truth About Demons)

Members of Father's Household

Mark Vogt:

Good, Better, Best (Colossians 1)

The "Especially Believers" (I Timothy 4:9-11)

Tentative Meeting Schedule

A man's heart devises his way, yet Yahweh establishes his steps (Proverbs 16:9).

Saturday March 23

9:00-9:45 am	Meet & Greet		
9:45-10:15 am	Lesson 1	Clyde Pilkington	"Truthing in Love" (Ephesians 4:15)
10:15-10:45 am	Lesson 2	Mark Vogt	Good, Better, Best (Colossians 1)
10:45-11:00 am	Break		
11:00-11:30 am	Lesson 3	Stephen Hill	Casting Out "Little Teachings" (The Truth About Demons)
11:30-12:00 am	Lesson 4	Clyde Pilkington	The Final Word (Ephesians & Colossians)
12:00-1:10 pm	Lunch		
1:10-1:40 pm	Lesson 5	Clyde Pilkington	The Ascension Gifts (The mythical "Pastor," etc.)
1:40-2:10 pm	Lesson 6	André Sneidar	Where We Fit in Prophecy
2:10-2:25 pm	Break		
2:25-2:55 pm	Lesson 7	Clyde Pilkington	The Dilemma of Prayer (Cripiling Effect of Traditional Prayer)
2:55-3:25 pm	Lesson 8	Stephen Hill	Members of Father's Household
3:25-3:40 pm	Break		
3:40-4:10	Lesson 9	Mike Owens	How a Deadly Tornado Revealed God's Perfect Hand an All Things
4:10-4:50	Testimonies/ personal stories	Various	
6:00 pm	Dinner Fellow- ship	Hoss's Steak & Sea House	441 Theatre Drive Johnstown PA 15904

Sunday March 24

9:00-9:45 am	Meet & Greet		
9:45-10:15 am	Lesson 10	Mark Vogt	The "Especially" Believers
			(I Timothy 4:9-11)
10:15-10:45 am	Lesson 11	Clyde Pilkington	Adversarial Distractions (Sidetracks of the Enemy)
10:45-11:00 am	Break		
11:00-11:30 am	Lesson 12	Clyde Pilkington	Three Spheres of Glory (Where is your sphere of hope?)
11:30-12:00 am	Lesson 13	Clyde Pilkington	God's Present Purpose (Our Alignment with It)
1:00 pm	Lunch Fellow-	Hoss's Steak &	441 Theatre Drive
	ship	Sea House	Johnstown PA 15904