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## OMNISCIENCE AND TIME

The divine decrees are all comprehensive. No slightest confusion could exist as to one of even the smallest events without confusion to all events. All events in human history are interwoven and interdependent.

The decrees do not eliminate the need for prayer because God looked down at the corridor of time to see what believers would ask in prayer. Effective prayer makes requests, which God answers. These answers –the things we ask in time are incorporated into the decrees in eternity past [Isaiah 65:24]. God has answered our prayer even before we ask. Prayer is a powerful weapon in the angelic conflict when wielded by the mature believer who knows what he is doing [Philippians 4:6, Colossians 4:2].

Because the decrees are eternal, it also means that God never gains in knowledge. What God has known at any time He has always known –even before He created the universe. Since all the decrees were all decreed simultaneously in eternity past, God is never surprised by anything we do or fail to do. He knew everything simultaneously. He built divine provisions around the free choices we would make, included the whole life span of all human beings in the entire human history. The divine decrees existed before the existence of the universe, before angels and before man and before everything.

The decrees of God are unchangeable and certain. Nothing will ever arise to necessitate a change in the decree. It is unchangeable because it deals only with reality and rejected the wishful thinking. It is certain because omniscience always knew that these things would occur under the circumstances of their exact and particular moment in history.

The changelessness of the divine decree is a great blessing of logistical grace because if there is erasure, correction or changes then we are never secure. But because there are no erasures, corrections, deletions, no last minute changes there is no possibility of becoming lost in the shuffle. All the provisions for our needs are absolutely secure. Our protection in the hand of God is absolute and certain.

The decree is the free choice of divine sovereignty and God is not bound to follow a necessary pattern or course but His perfect faithfulness and truth –He will incorruptly complete what He has begun.

God will run your decree up to the end. Once God decreed you to exist-that become the perfect plan –the future events in your life will occur –tomorrow and the next day. You will never suddenly cease to exist. Your exit is under the perfect time appointed for your departure. No departure from this life is too early or one second delay [Hebrews 9:27]. Our entry on earth is in perfect timing and likewise our exit is in perfect timing.

God has decreed ends as well as means, causes as well as effects, conditions and all instrumentalities as well as the events, which depend upon them. God is never surprised by

your reaction, action or lack or response because He knew perfectly everything about every individual and nothing is unknown to Him.

There is no sudden death or sudden changes from human volition because He knew all that will occur. God's omniscience knew all about the historical events. There is no sudden or accident in history of man. There is no development or collapse of a nation that is unknown to God.

Before they occurred God knew the exact causes, conditions, successions of history because He sustains and controls history. He knew every ebb and flow.