

God's Favorites

Chosen

God selected

Deuteronomy 14

² For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath **chosen** thee to be a peculiar people unto Himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

Chosen – T:977 בָּחַר **bachar** (baw-khar'); a primitive root; properly, to try, i.e. (by implication) select:

KJV - acceptable, appoint, choose (choice), excellent, join, be rather, require.

Peculiar – OT:5459 סְגֻלָּה **segullah** (seg-ool-law'); feminine passive participle of an unused root meaning to shut up; wealth (as closely shut up):

KJV - jewel, peculiar (treasure), proper good, special.

Matthew 22

¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen. (Mat 22:14 KJV)

Chosen – NT:1588 ἐκλεκτός **eklektos** (ek-lek-tos'); from NT:1586; select; by implication, favorite: **KJV** - chosen, elect.

Favoured

Delighted with favoured ~ protective

Psalm 5

¹² For thou, LORD, wilt **ble**ss the righteous; **with favour** wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Favour – OT:7522 רָצוֹן **ratsown** (raw-tsone'); or **ratson** (raw-tsone'); from OT:7521; delight (especially as shown):

KJV - (be) acceptable (-ance, -ed), delight, desire, favour, (good) pleasure, (ownself,, voluntary) will, as ... (what) would.

Pleased with favoured ~ victorious

Psalm 41

¹¹ By this **I know that thou favourest me**, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

Favourest – OT:2654 חָפֵץ **chaphets** (khaw-fates'); a primitive root; properly, to incline to; by implication (literally but rarely) to bend; figuratively, to be pleased with, desire:

KJV - ^x any at all, (have, take) delight, desire, favour, like, move, be (well) pleased, have pleasure, will, would.

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Favoured (*cont*)

Highly favoured ~ special purpose

Luke 1

²⁸ And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art **highly favoured**, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Highly favoured – [NT:5487](#) χαριτόω **charitoo** (khar-ee-to'-o); from [NT:5485](#); to grace, i.e. induce with special honor: **KJV** - make accepted, be highly favoured.

Elect

Jesus Christ

Isaiah 42

¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my Spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Mine elect – [OT:972](#) בָּחִיר **bachiyr** (baw-kheer'); from [OT:977](#); select: **KJV** - choose, chosen one, elect.

Israel

Isaiah 45

⁴ For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me,

Isaiah 65

⁹ And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Isaiah 65

²² They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Matthew 24

²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

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Matthew 24

³¹ And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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Elect (*cont*)

Israel (*cont*)

Mark 13

²² For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect.

Luke 18

⁷ And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Romans 8

³³ Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

Colossians 3

¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Angels

1 Timothy 5

²¹ I charge *thee* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

Paul

Titus 1

¹ Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the **faith of God's elect**, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

LORD JESUS CHRIST

1 Peter 2

⁶ Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a **chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.

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Church

2 John 1

¹ The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

Children of the Church

2 John 1

¹³ The **children of thy elect sister** greet thee. Amen

God's Favorites

Apple of His eye

His people provided for

Deuteronomy 32

⁹ For the LORD's portion is **His people**; Jacob is the lot of His inheritance.

¹⁰ He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as **the apple of His eye**.

His people protected

Zechariah 2

⁸ For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth **the apple of His eye**.

The expression, "the apple of His eye" is God's choice Word to express how He loves and cherishes His children, which are those He has chosen for His inheritance. These Words, the LORD has only spoken twice to His Favorites whom he favours above all others.

Vast Contrast between His Favorites and those not favoured

His Favorites are loved

Romans 9

¹³ As it is written, **Jacob have I loved**, but **Esau have I hated**.

...and there is no greater love than that the LORD God performed on the cross when He died for us!

His Favorites receive mercy and grace

Exodus 33

¹⁹ And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will **be gracious to whom I will be gracious**, and will **shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy**.

Romans 9

¹⁸ Therefore **hath He mercy on whom He will have mercy**, and **whom He will He hardeneth**.

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His Favorites are children of Promise

Romans 9

⁸ That is, They which are the **children of the flesh**, these are **not the children of God**: but the **children of the promise are counted for the Seed**.

His Favorites are predestinated

Romans 9

¹⁰ And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

¹¹ (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

His Favorites are vessels unto honour

Romans 9

²⁰ Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to Him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

²¹ Hath not the Potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Honour – [NT:5092](#) τιμή **time** (tee-may'); from [NT:5099](#); a value, i.e. money paid, or (concretely and collectively) valuables; by analogy, esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself: **KJV** - honour, precious, price, some.

Dishonour – [NT:819](#) ἀτιμία **atimia** (at-ee-mee'-ah); from [NT:820](#); infamy, i.e. (subjectively) comparative indignity, (objectively) disgrace: **KJV** - dishonour, reproach, shame, vile.

His Favorites are vessels unto mercy

Romans 9

²² What if God, willing to shew His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted [complete thoroughly] to destruction:

²³ And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had afore [in advance] prepared unto glory,

Mercy – [NT:1656](#) ἔλεος **eleos** (el'-eh-os); of uncertain affinity; compassion (human or divine, especially active): **KJV** - (+tender) mercy.

Romans 9

²⁴ Even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

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The LORD expressed His love toward those who are vessels created unto honor not dishonor. This God determined before the foundation of the world toward the saints who were separated from the womb for His glory to be revealed as only God would determine in the lives of each of His whom He predestinated unto the adoption of children unto HIMSELF.

Favorites are predestinated

Ephesians 1

⁴ According as He hath **chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:

⁵ Having **predestinated us** unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the **good pleasure of His will**,

⁶ To the **praise of the glory of His grace**, wherein He hath **made us accepted in the beloved**.

Favorites are secure eternally

John 10

²⁵ Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

²⁶ But ye believe not, because **ye are not of my sheep**, as I said unto you.

²⁷ **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:**

²⁸ And **I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

²⁹ My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and **no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.**

³⁰ **I and my Father are one.**

Hallelujah! All God's Favorites Praise the LORD!

Amen