



HOW'S YOUR LUCK BEEN LATELY?

Well, today is your lucky day because I am going to tell you how to eliminate all bad luck from your life!

Do you know how many times the word “luck” (or “lucky”) appears in the Bible? Exactly zero times! According to the thesaurus on my computer, there are a number of synonyms for this word, such as “break,” “fortuity,” “windfall,” and etc. None of these words can be found either!

Christians are not “lucky” people. Neither are non-Christians, for that matter. There are some places in the Bible where it would appear that “chance” enters in. When it was time to replace Judas as one of the “Twelve,” we read: *And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.* Acts 1:24-26

“So,” you say, “Matthias was the lucky one.” Read the passage again! . . . *show which of these two You have chosen . . .* The Apostles did not leave the selection to chance or luck. They assumed that, in the casting of lots, God would direct the lot to fall on the man to be selected. One may argue whether or not this is a good way to select someone but there is no question that the Apostles assumed that God would direct the lot.

There were other casting of lots in the Bible. With respect to Zacharius, Jesus’ uncle, we read, *So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.* Luke 1:8-9

Again, they could have set up a rotational system for who would perform this service but, rather than use an arbitrary system for this, they used the lot, believing that God would direct the lot to the person He wanted.

It goes even further than that. In Peter’s first sermon, he stated, *"For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur.* Acts 4:27-28

What the people did to Jesus was not left to chance - God predestined all of these acts to occur. God not only knows the end from the beginning, he controls it.

“Well,” you say, “at least I’m lucky to be a Christian!”

Not so. This was not a matter of luck either.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Romans 8:28-30

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

God did not even leave your salvation to chance - you were saved because God ordained that you should be.

With respect to what might be regarded as “bad luck,” refer back to the passage in Romans: *all things work together for good.* Included in “all” are things that are, sometimes, hurtful or hard to understand. Even so, they are for our ultimate good.

Now that you know there is no such things as “good luck,” there is no need to go to a casino on the assumption you are going to have a lucky day and come home rich. There is no such thing as “luck!”

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