

Doctrine of Election - Understanding and Appreciating the Blessed Truth

These words from Thomas Scott, from a written work published (LETTERS AND PAPERS OF THE LATE REV. THOMAS SCOTT, 1825, Thomas Whiting, New Haven, Connecticut. Pages 238,239)

"And now, if in fact God does regenerate one, and leave another unregenerate, and thus makes one to differ from another, it is plain that he does it intentionally; that is, he intended to do it before he actually performed it: and if it be just and right in God to actually do this work for one and not another, it could not be unjust or wrong in to intend to do it-unless it can be wrong to intend to do right: and, if God might justly intend to make a difference half an hour before he made it, he might with equal justice, in his foreknowledge, intend to make it from the foundation of the world: and this is all I suppose the scriptures mean by election.

Nor can any thing be objected against this view of this...doctrine, which does not equally go to deny the justice of God in regenerating one and not another: that is to say, stripped of all its false colorings, to deny God, the sovereign of the world, that right which each of his subjects claims to himself, to do what he will with his own.

If any man suppose that God is indebted to him, let him make his claim, and it shall assuredly be paid him: but if God owes us nothing, be we have ungratefully rebelled against him to whom we owe our all; and, when invited and intreated, refuse to be reconciled in his way, or unless he excuses us, and blames himself and his law, to humor our pride and self-love; what awful impiety it is to charge him with partiality and tyranny because he does what he will with his own, and has mercy on whom he will, and them only!"