

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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The Casting of Lots

Prov. 16:33; Prov. 18:18

*“The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord”
(Proverbs 16:33).*

*“The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty”
(Proverbs 18:18).*

*It is an interesting concept which is set forth in the scriptures as to the matter of determining the Lord’s will in a matter that was used on numerous occasions to resolve issues of which the logic of the creature could not agree on. **The casting of lots**; this was used as a means in the deciding of a matter. The **lot** could be different size stones, or any other material which would be of an obvious difference. It would be determined as to what would be the outcome item, whether the largest stone or the smallest.*

It is quite interesting that Solomon was given wisdom on this matter trusting that the outcome of a matter was the working of the Lord. It is also very interesting that by the casting of lots, disagreements were settled and contentions were caused to cease.

When you examine the scriptures further you find that Jonah’s situation was determined by the casting of the lot. “and they said everyone to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah” (Jonah 1:7).

Well, we know the outcome of the matter as the Lord revealed by the lot who it was that was the CAUSE of their dilemma and over the side of the ship went the rebellious preacher!

There have been various controversies as to Matthias’s position as an apostle (or the lack of being one), nevertheless, the one chosen “may take part of this ministry and

apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their LOTS; and the LOT fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles” (Acts 1:25-26).

*If one does not profess to be a **“Predestinarian”** how would they explain that the Lord God Almighty is the means by which the “disposing of a matter” is accomplished by the casting of the lot? It most certainly is not by **chance** as some might suggest? For if one believes the Bible as the word of God, they would have to agree that the outcome of the casting of the lot by the Lords people as supported by the aforementioned scriptures is the manifestation of the determined decreed will of our unlimited Almighty God!*

I have seen this type of “lot casting” exercised in a meeting on a couple of occasions. It was to determine the sequence in which three preachers were to preach. There were three different size toothpicks held in the hand of one of the non- preaching brethren, then the preachers each took a toothpick, the longest toothpick went first and the shortest toothpick went last! That was the end of the matter, and so shall it stand. We all were convinced that Gods will was fulfilled and accomplished.

*With the God that is manifested in the Holy Writ, there is **no** place for chance or luck. There are no **accidents** in the events of men as well, for if our God has “Declared (determined) the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I **will do all my pleasure**” (Isa.46:10). Our God has orchestrated ALL things in the events of this time world among the nations of the earth and the inhabitants thereof...and has prepared mansions in his Fathers house for all of whom have been chosen in Christ, yea, even joint heirs with Jesus in immortal glory; let God be TRUE and every man a LIAR!*

Respectfully submitted,

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