The God Who Chooses

To *elect* someone means to *choose* him out of a larger number. God chose Abraham and through Him, the nation of Israel. Israel, therefore, was an elect nation. Similarly, the church of Jesus Christ is an elect or chosen nation (1 Peter 2:9), and individual believers were chosen by God before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:3).

**1. God *Picks* His Elect** (26:4-5, 24)

Deuteronomy 7:7-8; 9:5; 10:14-15

A. God *loved* them

B. God *chose* them

C. God *swore* an oath to them

Genesis 22:15-19

**2. God *Provides* for His Elect** (26:12-22)

A. God’s provision for *Isaac*

B. God’s provision for *us*

Romans 8:28-32; Philippians 4:19

**3. God *Protects* His Elect** (26:7-11, 26-33)

Psalm 105:14-15; Proverbs 16:7; Romans 8:33-39

A. In the midst of *defeat & disaster*

B. For their ultimate *victory & vindication*

**Concluding Application**

*How far* are you willing to trust in Christ?

Hebrews 11:35-40

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. The oath God swore to Abraham confirmed the unchangeableness of His promise. What does this mean to Christians, who are heirs of that promise (Hebrews 6:13-20).

3. If some Christians in the world go about hungry and homeless, what does it mean for us to trust in our Father’s provision for us (Matthew 6:19-20, 25-34)?

What did it mean for Jesus to trust in His Father’s provision (Matthew 4:1-4, 11)?

How did the Lord take care of Paul when he was in prison (Philippians 4:10-14)?

How has He taken care of you in the past? When will you begin to enjoy your full and final inheritance? Will any child of God be hungry and homeless then?

4. Job suffered horribly. Even though his friends assumed he must be guilty of some major, hidden sin, what was Job’s confidence?

Job 13:15-19

Job 23:8-12