

**Romantic**

**Sorrow**

**“Do you believe in  
destiny? Fate?”**

**Heroic**

**The Bible**

# Fate, Destiny vs. Free Will

- **Definition of terms:**
  - **Destiny** – “*something that is to **happen** or had happened to a particular person or thing; **lot** or **fortune**; the **predetermined**, usually **inevitable** or **irresistible**, course of events; the **power** or agency that **determines** the course of events”*
  - **Fate** – “*that which is **inevitably predetermined**; destiny; a prophetic declaration of what **must** be”*

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- **What does the Bible say?**
  - **Predestined** – **Rom. 8:29-30; Eph. 1:5, 11**
  - **Reservation** – **Jude 1:6, 13**
    - **I Pet. 1:4 vs. II Pet. 2:4, 9, 17**
  - **It almost sounds as if God's judgment is arbitrary...**
  - **Where is the free will?**

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- **Where's the free will?**
  - **Matt. 7:24, 26** – There is a choice as to whether or not we “do” the words of Jesus
  - **Matt. 12:50** – We must substitute God's will for ours
  - **Jas. 4:4** – We decide if we are a friend or enemy of God
  - There are consequences to our decisions...

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- **What does the Bible really say?**
  - **Predestined** – **Rom. 8:28-30; Eph. 1:1-14**
    - **Jn. 14:15** – *“If you love me...”*
  - **Reservation** – **II Pet. 3:7; Jude 1:6, 11, 13**
    - **Job 21:30** – **The wicked are reserved...**
    - **I Pet. 1:4 vs. II Pet. 2:4, 9, 17**
  - **God has already decided the character of those who will be saved and those who will be condemned and reserved them...**

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- What is one event that is beyond our free will?
  - Judgment – **Jer. 10:20-25**
    - It is not within us to avoid judgment. God has said this must take place
    - Destiny: “the **power** or agency that **determines** the course of events”
    - Fate: “a prophetic **declaration** of what **must be**”

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Eccl. 9:11, “...*time and chance happen to them all...*”



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