

OBJECTIONS REMOVED

Some time ago a brother posted a short article on the Internet concerning the objections he had to the doctrine of Election prior to his being blest of the Lord to see the truth. He said this doctrine that God chose some and not others seemed unfair to him. Logic told him that there could only be one truth, and he had been looking for it, because the freewill doctrine did nothing for him. He knew that if his salvation was left up to him, he was lost. One day he and his father were on their way to a high-school basketball game and his father was trying to explain the doctrine of election to him but he still failed to grasp it until his father asked him why he objected to it. He said it seemed unfair to him that God would save some and not all. His Dad told him, "Son, it isn't fair or just. If the fair and just thing was done we would all go to hell, because that is exactly what we all deserve." As soon as his father said those words to him it was as if the scales fell from his eyes and he saw Jesus for who He is and his heart melted and he wept like a baby. He had found what he had been so long searching for. Then he said he wanted to tell everyone what he had discovered, but when he tried they all looked at him as though he was from Mars.

Many others through the years have had similar experiences, but most of God's people never see this blessed truth. My own case may be somewhat rare, but I have never had the slightest objections to the doctrine of election, and as I grew into adulthood and was made to hope in Christ, it became very precious to me. I could see that if it were possible for reprobates to be thrust into heaven it would be the greatest burden imaginable to them, for the things of the Spirit of God are foolishness to them (I Cor. 2:14). Not only that, but they have nothing but a carnal mind, and that mind is very antagonistic toward God and godliness (Rom. 8:7-8).

If anyone wants to speak of unfairness and injustice, would it not be far more contrary to good sense and reason for God to put carnal minded people into an environment for all eternity that they were in no wise suited to occupy? Heaven would be hell to those who hate God and all good things. Let us be thankful that all such things are in God's wise and capable hands rather than in our own feeble and fickle hands.

---Elder Ralph Harris