

Many years ago, I heard a very well known minister say these words about what God did when He put Adam and Eve into the Garden of Eden. He said something like, "When God put Adam and Eve into the Garden of Eden, He took a calculated risk" — whether they would sin or not.

Dear friends, <u>God has never taken any risk</u>. The very idea of a "risk" <u>has to involve a moment of uncertainty</u>. Because God knows everything in advance means that our life is not an accident. For Him — there is no uncertainty and neither shall there ever be one! You and I and all of the people that come into and out of our lives are not accidents, and we all are absolutely foreseen by our great Lord and Savior. But, because we cannot always see things from God's point of view, we often worry over our lives. Yet, GOD IS IN CHARGE, AND HE KNOWS THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.

Romans 8:28-31 KJV And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. (29) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. (30) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (31) What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

John 13:18-19 KJV I speak not of you all: <u>I know whom I have chosen</u>: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his (Judas) heel against me. (19) <u>Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that *I am* he.</u>

(Notice that the light grey word "he" in our text verse was not in the original text. Jesus is using the same wording "I Am" as when God called Moses to deliver Israel from Egypt.)

Exodus 3:13-15 KJV And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? **what shall I say unto them?** (14) And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. (15) And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations.

Has it ever occurred to you, that nothing has ever had to occur to God?

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not; I am the first and the last:** *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (Revelation 1:12-18)