

promised him, although it will have to be wrested from Satan. God is able to fulfill His plans. He knows that the end will be as planned. But

Many will be lost. }
A few will be saved. } A statistical law.

It is still an individual choice; predestination in the large, free will in the small.

I must stop now. I fear I have wearied you no end. But I must leave off with a quotation from "The Nun's Priest's Tale," from the Canterbury Tales written by Geoffrey Chaucer, 1340-1400, a century and a half before Calvin:

"But that which God foreknows must surely be
As certain scholars make the matter work.
This ye will learn from any well-trained clerk:
Upon that point has been great altercation
Within the schools, and lengthy disputation
* Among a hundred thousand if a man!
But I could never sift it to the bran
As could the holy doctor Augustine,
Or Boethius, or Bishop Bradwardine
To say if God's divine forewitnessing
Compelleth me of need to do a thing
(By need I mean simple necessity)
Or whether a free choice be granted me
To do that same thing or to do it not,
Though God foreknew it ere that it was wrought;
Or if his knowing binds me not a whit,
Save on condition, to accomplish it!
In no such matters will I interfere ____."

* Among those who have argued the subject, you might be interested to know were George Whitefield pro-predestination, and John Wesley, against. Also, John Wesley helped found the Methodists, and the Pentecostal movement is a derivative of Methodism, at least in America -- So, Virginia, that should decide it. Ha!

Also attached is a small poem I wrote 3 or 4 years ago but recently revised. I do not think you have it. Tell me if you have my little volume of poems. If not, I will send you one.

The family is just fine. We would love to see all of you. Come down and see us.

Again, let me express my feeling of inadequacy in attempting to answer your questions, but thanks for the opportunity.