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**Discussion Question for 05/16/19**

**Thorsen Chapter 20**

1. Page 247: The concept of predestination has always fascinated me. Since God can view all of time at once, surely, he can know where we are going and who is to be saved and not saved. What does the Bible say about predestination? Is there any validity to it?
2. Page 249: Where did the idea that salvation could be earned start? While God does say that it is a gift, the Bible clearly states that it is open to all that accept it. I’m inclined to think it was the Catholic church that started this view of an earned salvation, but I’m not entirely sure.
3. Page 258: Is it too far fetched to think that God has a habit of self-control in his sovereign powers? How does that diminish Him?