



Clear Bible Truth on God's Sovereignty - IX

God's Sovereignty and Mankind - II

God is not a casual observer of His creation. He isn't passive. He is the first-cause of all things, yet He isn't sins author. The doctrine of predestinated means: God is the cause of all we consider good, as well as bad.

Men purpose evil but God overrules for good, Joseph said - "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Genesis 50:20)

Following Job's loss of his children and wealth, he said - "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:21-22)

Following Job's loss of his health, he said - "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble...Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass" (Job 14:1, 5)

World leaders do God's bidding, Solomon said - "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turns it whithersoever he will" (Pro 21:1)

Nations rise and fall at God's bidding, Paul said - God..."has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:26)

His arrest and unjust treatment were predestined, Jesus said - "Think thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?" (Matt 26:53-54)

The last four words - "thus it must be" - are vital. From the betrayal to the nails of the cross were essential to Christ's suffering. Jesus rebuked Peter for misjudging God's sovereignty and power. By the cross, God was propitiated or satisfied, righteousness earned and imputed. God's elect stood justified.

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