

v. 19 “You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. □

v. 20 “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, □

v. 21 so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens remain above the earth.” □

Numbers 15:37 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, □

v. 38 “Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue. □

v. 39 “It shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot, □

v. 40 so that you may remember to do all My commandments and be holy to your God. □

v. 41 “I am the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the Lord your God.” □

15. Paul used Pharaoh’s rejection of divine grace as a method of evangelizing Jews in the first century: □

Romans 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.” □

v. 18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. □

16. The act of allowing Pharaoh to stay alive after the sixth plague meant that God could continue to demonstrate His power to any who would observe it. □

17. Pharaoh had gone past the point of no return in his soul. He was permanently locked into negative volition. Under normal circumstances, God would have removed him from this life. □
18. By allowing Pharaoh to remain alive every time he said, “no,” to God’s grace resulted in a demonstration of God’s power. □
19. These demonstrations of divine omnipotence resulted in bringing the heathen nations to God consciousness and the opportunity to accept Israel’s Messiah as the One true God. □
20. The permissive will of God is often misunderstood, but it is a method by which Jesus Christ controls history. □
21. Legitimate questions often arise regarding why certain things are permitted by God. Why are people born deformed? Why do the good die young? Why do the wicked prosper? Why do the innocent suffer? □
22. First of all, we must remember that there is no circumstance in life for which God does not have a solution. □
23. The Bible solves all problems. However, in order to utilize these problem-solving devices, one must know the Bible. □
24. Secondly, man chose to sin in Eden. He volitionally chose to separate himself from the perfect plan of God. □
25. Our original parents enjoyed a perfect environment with a perfect spouse and with perfect provisions. □
26. In rejecting this arrangement, they fell into a state of total depravity and acquired an old sin nature. □
27. With this imperfection and the propensity to sin, mankind became the source of countless manifestations of life without God. □
28. Through negative volition, man issued in a fallen environment in which imperfect people were forced to exist in that environment. □
29. Their fallen bodies produced not only fallen offspring, but, on occasion, often an offspring with a deformed body. □
30. But man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7b). There are no deformed souls. □
31. When people are born crippled, deformed, and even mentally incompetent, their souls are in perfect shape. □

32. If their physical or mental handicaps do not allow them to clearly come to an understanding of the gospel, then they are saved by the justice of God. □
33. The fact we are born into this life spiritually dead is in fact a stroke of divine grace. □
34. Since we are born condemned, then we come into this life in need of a Savior. If we cannot mentally comprehend the facts about our lost state and God's grace solution through Christ, then justice demands our souls' must be saved. □
35. To make the statement, "the good die young," ignores the principle of God's perfect timing. We are here to fulfill His plan and to glorify His Person. □
36. God has the sovereign power to grant life and likewise to take it away. To question His timing in taking a person home is to challenge divine sovereignty and is consequently blasphemous. □
37. If an unbeliever dies young, in the eyes of God he was not good by divine standards and thus was lost in his sins. It really doesn't matter when the unbeliever dies. They are losers whether they die young or old. □
38. By the same token, it really doesn't matter when the believer dies. They are winners whether they die young or old. □
39. Jeremiah asks a probing question in: □
Jeremiah 12:1c Why has the way of the wicked prospered? □
40. God permits it under two principles. We have noted the first under blessing by association. The second is mentioned by our Lord in: □
Jeremiah 12:5 "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?" (NIV) □
41. God blesses the wicked through association while at the same time using them to test the believer. □
42. We are to learn from apparent injustices in order to develop an attitude of humility, faith, and dependence upon God's grace provisions. □

43. We must learn not to depend upon the material things of a fallen world. We must learn to depend on God. □
44. The wicked may prosper materially, but spiritually they are bankrupt. No matter how long they are prosperous, they will never be happy. And God's justice can withdraw their assets in a New-York second. □
45. Why do the innocent suffer? The question must be addressed by another question: "What's your definition of innocent?" They may be innocent in your eyes, but God's omniscience knows all the facts. Often the innocent suffer to learn how to apply doctrine. □
46. Life in a fallen environment is filled with dangers which must be endured by all. God protects the life of the believer until that person's time to be with the Lord arrives. □
47. Our Lord said the following in: □
Matthew 5:45b He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.
□
48. Our challenge as members of the Royal Family is not to get tied down with questions for which we have no answers, but to become confident that God knows what He is doing. □
49. One thing we do know is that God, through His mercy, has saved us unto an inheritance that is undefiled and will not pass away through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Peter 1:4) □

7. Summary of the Divine Control of History

1. In spite of evil, Jesus Christ continues to control history in three ways. □
 - a. **Direct control** based on His own divine sovereignty which will be brought more forcibly to the earth at the Second Advent. □
 - b. **Indirect control** occurs through the laws of divine establishment. Destroying these laws results in anarchy and revolutions. All people who have tried violent solutions have never found answers to their problems. □
 - c. **Permissive control** is God permitting evil to run its course during the angelic conflict. □



2. The permissive will of God recognizes the fact that human volition must be autonomous if man is to freely follow Him. □
3. Consequently, under the directive will of God there is no discipline but instead blessing and happiness. □
4. If man overrides the directive will, grace demands of justice that it discipline the believer in hopes of restoring him to the plan. □
5. The first stage of this procedure is self-imposed under the Law of Volitional Responsibility. □
6. No response earns an intensified stage called warning discipline. □
7. Continued rejection of grace recovery results in the administration of the sin unto death. □
8. Permissive control therefore allows evil to run its course in human history according to: □

Proverbs 16:3 Commit your works [that you want to do] to the Lord, and your plans will be established. □

v. 4 The Lord works [brings about] everything for its own ends – even the wicked for the day of disaster [retribution]. □

v. 5 The Lord abhors every arrogant [גָּבוֹהַ (gavoah)] person; rest assured that they will not go unpunished. (NET) □

Isaiah 45:7 “The One forming light and creating darkness [God created the creature who created darkness], the One manufacturing prosperity and the One creating the evil one; I Jehovah, am the One manufacturing all of these things [Jesus Christ controls history].” (EXT) □

9. Mankind must be controlled. Without the Laws of Divine Establishment, men will cease to behave like human beings and begin to act like animals. The writer of Judges 17 addresses this issue: □

Judges 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes. □

10. Jesus Christ indirectly controls history through the Laws of Divine Establishment so that human beings can coexist and become evangelized. □

11. Jesus Christ will simply not permit any type of satanic operation to eliminate the human race or to cancel one's right to choose Christ as Savior. □
12. God created man with free will, but He also assumes the responsibility of keeping him alive so that one generation of believers may follow the next. □
13. Those who accept Christ as Savior and who advance in the plan of God become a part of that unseen cause which determines the destiny of Client Nation America. □
14. Those who do not respond are on the wrong side of history while those who do respond are on the right side of history. □
15. The unbeliever and the cosmic believer are on the wrong side of history. □
16. At the Rapture of the church, all those who are on the right side of history are instantly taken out of this life and transferred to the Third Heaven. □
17. All that remain are unbelievers on the wrong side of history. □
18. Although the Laws of Divine Establishment and the divine institutions remain in effect, all restraint previously provided by the Royal Family through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit is removed. □
19. Removed is:
 - a. The baptism, indwelling, filling, and teaching ministries of the Holy Spirit. □
 - b. The execution of the Christian way of life by the Royal Family. □
 - c. Blessing by association to those who were associated with the Royal Family. □
 - d. The perfect timing previously executed by the Royal Family in restraint of evil. □
 - e. Divine viewpoint is no longer available to restrain the insidious policies of Lucifer. □
 - f. There is no artillery barrage of prayer offered to the Father for restraint on evil. □

- g. The trends of the sin nature are unrestrained due to no check and balance as previously administered by Judeo-Christian ethics and culture. □
- 20. Unrestraint results in lust patterns going unchecked, trends pursuing their ultimate objectives, and sin dominating the souls of the entire human race. □
- 21. Moral inversion results. That which is evil becomes good; that which is good becomes evil: □

Romans 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen. □

- 22. Unrestrained carnality leads to intensified involvement in widespread reversionism. The majority of the world's population becomes servants of Satan. □
- 23. Absent any ability for doctrinal analysis, Lucifer lures, through the Beast-Dictator as well as demon possession and demon influence, virtually the entire world into his cosmic system. □
- 24. Consequently, the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit is a guarantee against any satanic success which would neutralize the positive believer in the Church Age. □

8. The Saturation of Evil means National Destruction. □

- 1. A vigorous nation can sin vigorously, but that doesn't mean destruction will fall upon it. Sin is not the issue; evil is. □
- 2. The fourth cycle of discipline is economic disaster: □

Leviticus 26:26 'When I break the staff of your bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied.' □

The fifth cycle of discipline is being taken over by a foreign power: □

Isaiah 47:10 "You felt secure in your wickedness and said, 'No one sees me,' your wisdom and your knowledge, they have deluded you; for you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one besides me.' □



v. 11 “But evil will come on you which you will not know how to charm away; and disaster will fall on you for which you cannot atone; and destruction about which you do not know will come on you suddenly.” □

3. Nations, not influenced by Bible doctrine or by the laws of divine establishment, make decisions influenced by one or more forms of evil. □
4. There are three things a nation must have for survival and blessing: **(1)** evangelism, **(2)** spiritual growth in local churches by means of pastor-teachers teaching doctrine, and **(3)** the laws of divine establishment functioning within the framework of free exercise. □

9. Evil Never Understands Grace Functions. □

1. Matthew 20 is the Parable of the Vineyard Workers. (Note especially verse 16.) □
2. The Bible always advocates capitalism and free enterprise. □
3. Evil is always antagonistic towards grace and always seeks to manipulate grace. □
4. God’s standards for maturity and qualifications for blessing are the same for every believer: advance to spiritual maturity. □
5. It is blind arrogance for any believer to suggest or imply that he has achieved or enjoyed some unique experience or that his spiritual life has more impact than anyone else’s. □
6. Blind arrogance divorces the believer from the reality of spiritual things. Blind arrogance comes in many forms: legalism, salvation by works, spirituality by works, maturity by works. All three are signs of evil. □
7. So, the person who assumes that the plan of God stands or falls on the basis of his behavior is arrogant and under the influence of evil. The plan of God depends on the essence of God, never on what we do. □
8. Peter was like the arrogant person who sets up false standards, and then, by complying with those false standards, concludes that he is a great believer. Arrogance assumes many incorrect things, and always slips so easily into evil. □