

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. □

9. Like believers in reversionism and evil, the labor union of Matthew 20:1–16 had erroneous standards. Only blind arrogance made them cling to their standards instead of yielding to the superior standards of management. Labor becomes evil by complaining about or judging management. □
10. The Bible refers to the owner of the vineyard as **ἀγαθός** (*agathós*): “generous,” for he kept his word to all the laborers equally which is noted in: □
Matthew 20:15 ‘Am I not permitted to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous ἀγαθός (*agathós*)?’ (NET) □

NOTE: Of the four English translations of the Bible, the only version that does not translate *agathós* as “generous” is the King James Version which chooses “good.” English dictionaries define “generous” as follows: □

11. “Liberal in giving or sharing. Showing kindness and magnanimity.”⁶ □
12. “originally of noble birth; gracious, magnanimous; unselfish, beneficent, munificent.”⁷ □
13. “Characterized by a noble or kindly spirit: magnanimous; liberal in giving.”⁸ □
14. “Exhibiting qualities regarding as belonging to high birth; honorable; magnanimous.”⁹ □
15. The Bible calls the owner **ἀγαθός** (*agathós*): “generous,” for he kept his word. □
16. So blind arrogance keeps the believer from yielding to the superior standard of God’s matchless and perfect grace. Grace is related to doctrine, never to works. □
17. Rewards for the believer in eternity depend on God’s policy of grace, not on the arrogant, legalistic, anthropocentric evil standards of blind fundamentalism. □

⁶ *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, fifth ed. (New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016).

⁷ *Webster’s New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language: Unabridged*, vol. 1, second edition (Cleveland: The World Publishing Co., 1962).

⁸ *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, eleventh edition (Springfield, Mass.: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2014).

⁹ *Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary*, second edition (Springfield, Mass.: G & C Merriam Co., Publishers, 1953).



18. God neither blesses in time nor rewards in eternity on the basis of arrogant standards of legalism. All His blessings are based on His grace standards. □
19. You don't make covenants or contracts with God. When you know and love Him, you depend on His wisdom to deal faithfully with you at all times. □

Matthew 20:16 “So the last shall be first, and the first last.” □

20. So, the “first” in this passage are those under the influence of evil. The “last” are the mature believers, depending on God's grace standards. □

10. The Invisible Historical Impact of Jesus Christ on History □

1. We have now consulted several categories of the Lord's Control of History: **(1)** The Pivot; **(2)** The Client Nation; **(3)** Invisible Historical Impact; and **(4)** The Principle that Jesus Christ Controls History on behalf of the Pivot. □
2. Part of that divine control is shared by the Holy Spirit as He indwells and fills the Church Age believer. □
3. This restraining ministry is vital to producing the necessary environment required for evangelism and subsequent spiritual growth in the Church Age. □
4. From these four doctrines, we are able to establish several particularly important principles: □
 - a. Every member of the Royal Family, by virtue of a person's very presence on this earth, contributes in some way to the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit. □
 - b. Every member of the Royal Pivot has invisible historical impact as a part of the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit. □
 - c. A large enough Pivot establishes the nucleus of a Client Nation to God. Once the Client Nation is established, as goes the Pivot, so goes the Client Nation. (Genesis 18:20–32; Leviticus 26; Hosea 4:1–6; Matthew 5:13; 1 Peter 2:9.) □
 - d. The Client Nation is God's oasis of refuge from Satan's rulership of this world. The Client Nation provides protection for the sacred ingredients of freedom: privacy, property, and human life. □



- e. As a result, **Satan will not be permitted by the sovereignty of God to accomplish his objective of global domination during the Church Age.** □
- f. We may therefore remain confident that "...greater is He Who is in us than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4b) □
- g. The restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit is a part of the principle that Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the Pivot. □
- h. The extent of the Holy Spirit's ministry of restraint is limited to the size of the Pivot in any Client Nation. □
- i. When the Rapture occurs, all restraint is removed. All believers are escorted into heaven leaving planet earth devoid of any believers and, consequently, no Pivots and no Client Nations. □
- j. This introduces the most traumatic period of all time as mankind enters into a dispensation in which the impact of evil on history becomes unrestrained. □
- k. This time of unrestrained history is restrained from occurring as long as believers remain on this earth. This is a condition which will remain constant until the Rapture occurs. □
- l. Your personal relationship with God through faith in Christ, your membership in the Royal Pivot, and your citizenship in Client Nation America gives you more power to accomplish divine good in this world than all the special interest groups combined. □
- m. This divine good is the invisible historical impact of the Christian way of life which is part and parcel of the Holy Spirit's restraining ministry in the Church Age. □
- n. Knowledge of these principles enables us to remain tranquil, stabilized, confident, and courageous no matter what category of historical disasters may confront us in the present hour of our nation's discontent as well as the days and years yet to come. □

II. Summary of the Doctrine: Jesus Christ Controls History □

- 1. **Jesus Christ has direct control of human history through His divine essence.** □

