

“God’s Relationship to Evil – The Study of Theodicy”

2 Peter 3:9, Misc.

A Study of 2 Peter and Jude

Theme: God’s control enables us to find rest in our tragedy.

Introduction:

In God’s *Story*, sin appears rather early in the narrative. Is sin’s presence purely the outworking of human freedom or is the presence of sin part of God’s eternal *Story*? Our desire in this study is to put the study of God’s relationship to sin in the larger context of His right as God to rule and govern all He creates.

Outline:

- I. We see God’s control over life.
- II. We see God’s control over death.
- III. We see the Lord’s control over random acts (1 Kings 22:34).
- IV. We see God’s control over nations.
- V. We see the Lord’s control over evil acts.
 - A. We see this in Joseph’s captivity (Gen. 45:5-7; 50:18-21).
 - B. We see this in the hardening of Pharaoh’s heart.
 - C. We see this in Job’s calamity.
 - D. We see this in Samson’s rebellion.
 - E. We see this in Abishai’s cursing (2 Sam. 16:9-11).
 - F. We see this in the David’s census (2 Sam. 24:1-4).
 - G. We see this in the LORD sending a deceiving spirit in the mouth of the prophets (1 Kings 22:19-23).
 1. God Prevents Sin
 2. God Allows Sin
 3. God Directs Sin
- VI. We see God’s control in His redemptive activity.
- VII. We see God’s control in the fulfillment of the Seed Promise (Matt. 1:1-17).

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Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the NEXT STEP?)

1. Let us not allow such a wonderful truth to blind us to sin's power. Our sin has consequences that are far reaching.
2. Nevertheless, will you see God's sovereignty in all areas of your life?
3. Moreover, will you trust Him in all areas of your life?
4. Cast yourself today at the great throne of grace and cling to your merciful high priest.

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