The Divine Plan of the Ages

Study 7

The Permission of Evil and Its Relation to God’s Plan

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| 1. Evil is that which produces unhappiness and ___________________ of any kind. The primary cause of human ailments, sorrows, and death is ______. |
| 2. God permits __________. God could have prevented ______________ fall. The almighty Creator permitted Satan to present the ______________ to Adam and Eve. |
| 3. The present permission of evil is designed to work out some greater _______. God could have prevented the entrance of ___________ but did not. Are men and angels learning of the evil consequences resulting from the violation of God's righteous law? _______ God cannot ___________; he cannot __________ himself; he cannot do __________. |
| 4. All things were created for the Lord’s ___________________. (Revelation 4:11) Is God opposed to evil in every sense? (Psalm 5:4) _______ Does God's wisdom see a way in which evil may be made a lasting and valuable lesson to his creatures? _______ |
| 5. For every right principle there is a corresponding ___________ principle. A right principle is that which is beneficial of ultimate __________ and happiness. A wrong principle is that which produces discord, unhappiness, and ______________. Is an intelligent being capable of discerning the right principle from the wrong? _______. |
| 6. The moral sense or conscience is the faculty of discerning between __________ and ___________.  |
| 7. Could God have made Adam merely a living machine? _____ Could God have guarded Adam from Satan's temptation? _______ In that case, man's experience would have been limited to _______. |
| 8. Adam and Eve were first made acquainted with ___________. Because of disobedience, man has experienced _______________. ________, ________, and death. |
| 9. Did Adam and Eve come to an appreciation of both good and evil? (Genesis 3:22) _______ Their posterity will fully know what good is during the ______________ age. |
| 10. The law of right and ___________ is a part of man’s nature. Man has lost much of this originally inscribed law due to the degrading influence of ___________. Ability to love implies ability to ___________. The liberty of choice is termed free ___________ agency. After more than 6000 years of walking on the broad way, ______________ is now more agreeable to the fallen race. |
| 11. God seeks those who worship him to worship in ______________ and in ______________. Man wasn't created a mere machine because the Creator already had inanimate mechanical agencies accomplishing his ___________. |
12. Will the principles of right and wrong, as principles, always exist? _______ The evil principle will forever cease to be active when it has been permitted long enough to accomplish God's ________________. Will those who continue to submit to sin forever cease to exist? __________ (1 Corinthians 15:25, 26; Hebrews 2:14) Only the _______________ shall continue to live forever.

13. The four ways of knowing things are: ________________; _______________; _______________; and _______________. Who only has intuitive knowledge? ___________ Does observation of evil imply its permission in some place? __________

14. Is man made a spectacle to angels? __________

15. The Creator gave Adam the information that “In the day thou eatest thereof, _______________, thou shalt die.” (Genesis 2:16, 17) Did Adam and Eve yield to the temptation which God wisely permitted? __________

16. Was Eve deceived? (1 Timothy 2:14) _______ Did Eve put confidence in Satan's deceptive misrepresentation? __________

17. Was Adam deceived? _______ After Eve disobeyed, the reckless decision of Adam was to _______________ with Eve. Were both Adam and Eve in the transgression? _______ (Rom. 5:14; 1 Tim. 2:14) Did Eve share the sentence which her conduct help to bring upon Adam? __________

18. Did evil gradually become more agreeable and desirable to man than good? _______ Has man been learning of the exceeding sinfulness of sin? _______ Is man also learning of the matchless brilliancy of virtue in contrast with sin? _______ Is God the author and instigator of sin? _______ The man Christ _______________ is our ransom price. (1 Tim. 2:5; 6) Are earthquakes, floods, and pestilences sins? _______ Is the doctrine of universalism a false one? _______ Man's noblest quality is _______________ of will or _______________. Would this quality be set aside if God caused sin and eventually forced all to obey? _______ Do even the ants have a power of choice? _______

19. God cannot consistently force man into sin because it would be inconsistent with his _______________ character, and therefore impossible. God desires man to choose _______________. A _______________ has been provided to save to the uttermost all who will return unto God through him. Will all in due time come to an accurate knowledge of the truth? _______ (1 Timothy 2:4)

20. God has allowed man to feel and see the final result of _______________. Is it morally impossible for God to sustain an evil being eternally? _______ It is morally impossible for God to sustain an evil being forever because such a life would be a source of _______________ to itself and others. Life will be continued eternally only to the _______________.

21. Was the Creator in any sense bound to bring us into existence? _______ Is the present life a favor? _______

22. The penalty for sin is _______________—not eternal torment. (Genesis 2:17) Life everlasting is promised only to the _______________.

23. Only a ________ understand the parables, dark sayings and symbols found in the New Testament. The soul that sinneth, it shall _______________. (Ezekiel 18:4)

24. Will the world's opportunity and trial for life be much more favorable than was Adam's? _______

25. How many share the curse of death that came upon Adam? (Romans 5:12) _______ Will all who accept and obey Christ gain life in due time? _______ Jesus died for _______ mankind.

26. The resurrected princes and then all who accept and obey _______________ will become children of the Christ under the terms of the New Covenant. (Psalm 45:16; Jer. 31:31-34) All who come into _______________ will be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22)

27. Will all have an opportunity to be restored to what Adam enjoyed before he sinned? _______ All will have the opportunity to come to an accurate knowledge of the truth after the highway of _______________ is opened. (Isaiah 11:9) Will all in the graves be awakened from death? (John 5:28, 29) _______ The _______________ will die the second death. The members of the church are under the _______________ covenant. Israel and the whole world of _______________ will be blessed under the New Covenant arrangement. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) Absolute moral _______________ will be expected of the world after physical _______________ is reached.
28. What did Adam lose for himself and his race “yet in his loins”? ___________ Under that original trial, condemnation passed upon ______ men. Through Christ's redemption-sacrifice for Adam and his race, mankind will be given the opportunity to turn to __________ through faith in the ___________________. This will be the first individual opportunity for Adam's descendants because they were born under _______________ to death. The message given to the shepherds at the time of the birth of Jesus was ______________ tidings which shall be unto _______ people. (Luke 2:10) Many shall be made ______________ in due time because of the obedience of ______________. (Romans 5:19) The purpose of the Gospel age is for the selection of the ___________. The _______ (Head and body members) will bless all the ______________ of the earth. (Genesis 22:18; Galatians 3:16, 29)

29. Some of the questions asked concerning the long process of Adam's trial and condemnation are “Why not give all men an ______________ chance for life now?” and “Why allow so much ______________ to intervene?”

30. Had God ordered that children would not partake of the results of parental sins and had He arranged for all to have a favorable Edenic condition, how many would be found worthy of life? _______

31. If Adam be taken as a criterion, ______ would be found perfectly obedient and worthy. Christ’s ______________ of the Father enabled him to trust and obey implicitly (Isaiah 53:11) If one-half should remain obedient under a trial and the other half suffered the wages of sin, which is ______________, would the obedient forever feel a curiosity toward the things forbidden? ___________

32. Would the one-half cut off in ______________ remain dead forever unless they were given a hope of being released from death and tried again? _______

33. Has God adopted the best plan? _______

34. The wages of sin is ______________. The Millennial reign of Christ will accomplish the full extinction of __________ and evil-doers, and will usher in an eternity of ______________.

35. All of Adam’s children share his ______________. The perfect man Christ Jesus was a ______________ (corresponding price) for all.

36. If God had adopted a plan which permitted each one to be on trial, and if one-half of these sinned, it would require the other one-half to ___________ for them if they were to be redeemed; thus, all would still be dying.

37. Such a plan as suggested above would disarrange for the selection of the body of ______________. God would have to set before the ones who would die for the disobedient some special ______________ such as that offered to Jesus. The reward of our Lord for his faithfulness is being at the right hand of ______________. (Ephesians 1:20-22) If one-half of the human race were exalted to the divine nature, would this be too many in the divine family? _______ Would such a plan allow for one to be the Head of the church? _______ God's plan calls for how many body members of Christ? ______________ (Revelation 14:1)

38. It is a great favor to have ______________ provided for all through the sacrifice of our dear Redeemer. Evil will be forever ______________ when God’s purpose in permitting it shall have been accomplished, and when the benefits of the __________ are made co-extensive with the penalty of sin. Is it important to recognize that the penalty of sin is death? _______ Is it necessary to understand the doctrines of ransom and restitution? ___________

39. A correct understanding of the doctrines of ______________ and of ______________ makes it possible to see blessings resulting from the permission of evil.

40. Angels are benefiting by the permission of evil by ______________. What are the attributes of God? ______________: ______________: ______________: and ______________. Could justice violate the divine decree? _______ God's ______________ provided his dear ______________ to shed his precious blood for mankind. God's ______________ and ______________ are working out a glorious destiny for his creatures.

41. The permission of ______________ makes it possible for Jesus and the church to be rewarded with the divine nature.

42. God's law is briefly comprehended by what word? (Luke 10:27) ______________ Ultimately all will understand why God permitted evil, but one now sees by the eye of ______________.