

## Today in the Light of Dispensational History

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The fall of man was the severing of man from God. Illicit love brought about the fallen lineage. Instead of Adam and Eve uniting under God, the archangel and Eve united. The archangel, the servant of God and man, took God's position and subjugated all mankind, and all mankind came under the servant instead of God.

Ever since the fall, all mankind has been born, not into the direct lineage of God, but into the lineage of Satan. Mankind is part of the bloodline of Satan. Once the fall became a reality, no matter how much we called God "my father" it was devoid of meaning. The fallen world is selfish. "Myself" became the center of everything, disregarding God and everything else. No matter how hard people tried to concentrate on God, it was virtually impossible because the master of the world was not God but Satan.

Contradiction, struggle and destruction have filled the chapters of the history of fallen mankind. Fallen humanity came under satanic culture, which centers on struggle and division, contrary to God's history, which seeks for unity and harmony.

Even in the fallen world, however, all men and women have an innate, original human desire. The conscience always tries to lead one back to the original center, God. To return to God, one must be saved from the satanic surroundings. That's why those who are heading toward the original God-centered point have gone through tremendous struggles.

The entire history of man can be described as a tug of war. Man has been pulled by both powers. It has been a struggle to determine which side to belong to. This is the agony of man. This struggle started with the individual, and advanced to the family, tribe, nation and world. All have been pulled from pole to pole, toward evil and toward goodness.

History has been a war between good and evil. Each battle was a severe struggle, but eventually the

ultimate winner was always the good side. God's side won each level, expanding His territory.

In war, there is so much killing and destruction on both sides. It is a chaotic and confusing situation. How can you tell which side is good and which side is evil? The side that initiates the attack is the evil one. In a school classroom, if two boys with bloody faces are fighting, the first question the teacher will ask is, "Who started it?" Whose side will the teacher take? Not the side of the attacker, but of the defender. Is that not true?

Let's say there is a classroom with dozens of students, and one boy is a rascal. He does not study and is always a troublemaker. But one day he happens to be sitting quietly, and all of a sudden he is attacked by some other person. No matter how bad a rascal he may be, on that particular day he would get the sympathy of the teacher.

Evil always takes the initiative; it always attacks first. Throughout history, God has been like a schoolteacher, looking down on the struggle, watching those being attacked. God is on the side of the defenders. Therefore, the history of war is such that the attacker initiates, but always loses in the end. The universal teacher, God, is on the side of the weaker ones who are being attacked.

Why is the attacker evil? Think of human history. In the beginning, evil took the initiative and brought about the fall. The relationships between God and man, and Adam and Eve, were infiltrated and attacked. That is the original characteristic of evil. The attacker may inflict certain harm or destruction, but it is a universal law that eventually that person will have to not only restore the damage but pay a penalty as well.

God knows this universal principle. Do you think He is always initiating war? No. God does not initiate attacks. What about the people who are on the side of God? Can they say, "God, You are too good. You sit down, we will fight"? God's true people will never initiate an attack. An aggressive action will never be taken by God's people.

God's people are always being attacked, but they endure, persist and move on. That's the characteristic of God's people. Always under attack, they take the beating but never give up. It is a universal law that you become a winner by being attacked. The aggressor has to pay the damage plus a penalty. So you must endure and survive the attack on the individual level, then on the family level, national level and the worldwide level. You must withstand, survive and persevere. In the end, you will receive the entire universe because Satan and evil have to pay you the damage plus the penalty. That's how God's side will win.

The entire universe may attack you even though righteousness and justice are on your side. As long as you withstand, you can survive, and the entire universe will come to you. Beyond the universe, there is no higher level. Satan is the forefather and the king of aggressors. God is the king of the defenders.

The attacker may seem to annihilate the good, but God will raise up additional strength and power, and the attacker will eventually lose. On the individual level there are good and evil men. The evil man may attack the good, and that good man may be destroyed. But that is not the end of it. God will raise up another, even stronger champion until He finds a person, tribe and nation to withstand the attack and survive.

God will never give up. As long as God is alive, the good side is never finished and never gives up. From God's point of view, the battle of good and evil has not even started. The start has always been delayed and extended.

The Principle teaches that God can prolong restoration history if certain expectations do not occur right on schedule. The most important pattern of human history is this: Satan always attacks and loses, and God is always being attacked and gains.