

Classic Dispensationalism

- ✓ Important for all Christians to be theologians.
- ✓ Dispensationalism—Biblical help or heresy?
- ✓ Attacks on dispensationalism by *conservatives* include such name-calling as a cult, not a branch of Christianity, false teaching, heresy, a conservative heresy, modernistic, a danger, unscriptural; and associating it with like Hitler, Roman Catholicism, Joseph Fletcher, Seventh-Day Adventists, Mormons, and JWs.
- ✓ Aberrations of dispensationalism (neo-dispensationalism):
 - Progressive dispensationalism (Christ is reigning on David's throne, kingdom is already here, church not separate)
 - Ultradispensationalism (Church began in Acts 28; Great Commission is Jewish and not for the Church; no water baptism or Lord's Supper; Israel is the Bride of Christ).
- ✓ *Sine qua non* of dispensationalism.
 - #1 – Keeps Israel and the church separate.
 - #2 – Plain/literal hermeneutics
 - #3 – Doxological principle—not soteriological.

Preparation for Bible Class – TRUTH!

#1 –Salvation and Truth.

John 3:18-21 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ "For everyone who does evil (ὁ φαῦλα πράσων) hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

#2 – The Daily spiritual life and Truth.

John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶
"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper,
that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* the **Spirit of truth**,
whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him
or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you,
and will be in you.

Ephesians 4:30 And stop grieving the Holy Spirit of God, by
whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all
bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put
away from you, along with all malice.

#3 – Spiritual Growth and Truth (direction of life)

3 John 1:4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

1 Timothy 3:15 but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

Contemporary church—the pillar and support of truth? Bible doctrine? All truth? Did God leave us in the dark about any area of life—to seek pagan solutions to problems? How are we to handle the antichristian and anti-capitalistic attitudes?.

The need for real backbone to teach BD; without regard to offending others. Must teach whole counsel of God, Acts 20:27.

LIFE OF DAVID (91) – Government, part 3: The Laws of Divine Institution and the State

1. God has given us His Word—Truth—for every area of life.
 - ✓ **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2. Note the universals—the no-exception words—“all,” “complete,” “thoroughly,” “every.” If government, politics, economics, are good works, then Scripture does more than claim to be necessary, it claims to be sufficient.
 - ✓ Everything from God’s glory and the ECS in the mature believer, to government, politics, and economics is either explicitly set down in Scripture or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture.

3. Bible doctrine is simply the product of all of the axioms and propositions of the Bible and their logical implications. It is the system of true propositions found in 66 books of the Bible and their logical implications.
- ✓ Bible doctrine is not proof texting. Every doctrine must be completely compatible with every precept and axiom.
 - ✓ Bible doctrine is not finding a verse that seems to support what you want the Bible to say.
 - ✓ Bible doctrine is the only way to inform and get rid of the curse of false presuppositions that are formed by KD and personal preferences.
 - ✓ BD as a philosophy is the only way to escape the Zeitgeist/KD (cf. the church-going Nazi Lutherans afraid of losing their “good little” jobs).

4. Bible doctrine and Christian philosophy.

- ✓ Epistemology: logic coupled with propositional revelation
- ✓ Metaphysics: in Him we live, move, and have our being
- ✓ Ethics: We ought to obey God rather than men
- ✓ Political theory: Constitutional republicanism alone.
Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof. The rule of law, not the rule of man.
- ✓ Economics: the logic of human choice, man is the image of God, Laissez-faire capitalism

5. God did not give us His Word to make us “feel happy/good” about our spiritual lives or to help with stress by telling us everything is going to be OK—that is what paganism does. The Word of God is designed to orient the believer to Truth. Orientation to Truth is the only way to escape from satanic human good/evil way of thinking, live in the power of God and glorify Him in *all* things—gaining the mind of Christ.

6. How did we get into this mess/darkness of over 99% of people living with false axioms—both inside and outside of the church—that bring about skepticism? History of radical skepticism: Protagoras, Descartes, Hume, Kant, Newton, Einstein, modern America. Apart from BD, it is impossible to escape the skepticism molded by the Zeitgeist regarding absolute certainty regarding Truth.

7. There are seven divine institutions for the human race. These are universal principles by which a nation/people is blessed by God

a. #1: Volition/Freewill, Gen. 2:16-17; Acts 17:26.

Note the bankruptcy of materialism in the area of an independent mind. If man is nothing but material, then you are not the same person after 7 years—culpability?

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die."

Acts 17:26 and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they should seek (ζητεῖν τὸν θεόν) God, if perhaps they might grope (ψηλαφήσειαν αὐτὸν καὶ εὔροιεν) for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

b. #2: Marriage, Gen. 2:23; Matt. 19:6.

Genesis 2:23 And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Matthew 19:6 "Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

- ✓ God designed men and women to be different. The difference is more than just plumbing.
- ✓ God designed men and women's brains to be different. Testosterone makes a difference (task orientation, aggressive). Men are better able to compartmentalize (task oriented, protector). Women are better at integrating (family oriented, nurturer, following her husband as he conquers his world).

c. #3: Family, Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:6.

Genesis 2:24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

d. #4: Government/State, Gen. 9:6; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-14.

Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

1 Peter 2:13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right (ἀγαθοποιῶν).

e. #5 - Nationalism, Gen. 11:1-18; Acts 17:27.

Gen 11:4-7, And they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *will reach* into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

f. #6 - Capitalism, Gen. 23; Matt. 20:7-15; 25:27; Acts 5:4. Christ used many illustrations of money. There has always been an assault on capitalism by Roman Catholicism and leftists, but now we see it by main stream media, unions, movies, and doctrineless evangelicals. Many Christians actually think it odd that the Bible does not have anything to say about money and economic theory. All ethics, all law, and all spirituality is contained in the WOG. Modern thinking has rejected this and is reaping the consequences. Men of the 18th century had a vast better understanding of the foundations of society than those today.

Acts 5:4 "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own (ἐξουσία)?"

e. #7 – Pro-Israel national policy, Gen 12:3.

Genesis 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

8. There are only two legitimate purposes of civil government: punish evil and reward the good, Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:14.
- ✓ Rom 13. The state receives its authority from God—not the church. We are explicitly told that the State is ordained by God—power not derived by consent of governed, not a social contract.
 - ✓ The proper role of civil government is to enforce law.
 - ✓ The state has no authority over spiritual matters.
 - ✓ The state was never designed to become a welfare state, and we are reaping the results of making the State a god as per welfare.
 - ✓ Private rebellion against the government is prohibited.
 - ✓ Disobedience is not revolution, Acts 5:29.
 - ✓ Pray for government officials, 1 Tim. 2:1-4.
 - ✓ Limited power of the State.

9. The importance of the rule of law.

- ✓ The need for a Constitution.
- ✓ Stability of law is required so people can plan.
- ✓ Laws need to be understandable and clear
- ✓ Should not change so people can trump the system
- ✓ Equality before the law—all are made in image of God.
- ✓ No aristocracy, like England's duke, lords, and earls.
- ✓ No ex post facto law.
- ✓ No bills of attainder—so State can't target people.
- ✓ Everyone must be granted due process.

10. All political systems = rule of law or rule of man.

- Rule of man = different forms of socialism:
 - ✓ Communism is a form of socialism.
 - ✓ Nazism is a form of socialism.
 - ✓ Anarchy is often a form of socialism.
- Socialism, fascism, anarchy are all lawless.
- America is in the middle, a mixed interventionist economy (attempt to combine free enterprise and govt. control)—very unstable form of government. This instability (note the turmoil) will resolve itself into more lawlessness (socialism and fascism) or return to law (constitution). However, it does not look good. Over the last 100 years we have been moving to lawlessness (does not mean we do not have laws). Lawness in politics and with young people.
- Activist President (Bush or Obama) is never good.

11. National reversionism is the state of degeneration of a nation that is saturated with evil/"good"—as evidenced by the ongoing rejection of God, which leads to the destruction of the seven laws of DE. The nation is ripe for destruction when evil is called good and good is called evil, cf. Rom. 1:18-32.

Romans 1:32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things [crimes] are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Isa. 5:20-21, Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! ²¹ Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

12. When a nation reaches a saturation point of evil, God brings in various cycles of divine discipline to warn the nation of impending destruction, Lev. 26:14ff.
13. When God disciplines a nation, He does so through other evil nations, cf. Assyria, Babylon, and Rome—Islam today?
14. Divine discipline on a nation begins with the disciplining/purging of God's own churches for their own evil within that nation, 1 Pet. 4:17, Matt. 5:13. Just as He does with national entities, God allows evil enemies of Christianity to attack/discipline her (cf. the media, college professors, liberals, atheists and cults).

15. The evil in the church is well-documented. However, most of the Christian media turn a blind eye to the scams (cf. Baker, Tilton, Hagin, Roberts, Hinn, Osteen). The extent of evil in the church is to the point where hardly anyone believes it is good to point out these evils in the church. Therefore, Christianity continues to be distorted in the public's eye.
16. When a nation is saturated with evil, God has no choice but to administer cycles of discipline on that nation in order to protect the upcoming generation, Rom. 1:32; Isa. 5:20; Jon. 4:11.

17. As a reversionistic nation rejects the six laws of divine establishment, it actually trusts (נִטְרָ) in evil, cf. Isa 47:10—e.g. it *trusts* in Big Government, Social Security, enemy nations, Muslims, socialists, communists, liberals, United Nations, psychology, self-help, criminals, legislation to control inflation and guns, government control over free enterprise/capitalism, sociology, evolutionary environmentalism, “compassionate” fascism, and a million other things whereby man trust in himself and his solutions as he rejects God and His laws of divine establishment. Nations which are not influenced by BD will not be able to maintain laws of divine establishment. Therefore, they will be heavily influenced by all kinds of forms of evil/good where man becomes like God—& no longer needs God or His grace. Consider the PC spin of the media today or the average liberal Christian. The only hope for any nation is the pivot of maturing believers, Matt. 5:13; Hos. 4:1-6.

18. Evil is the grand policy of Satan as the ruler of this world. Evil includes human good; sweetness and light; a chicken in every pot; social and economic panaceas; the attempt to solve the problems of life apart from God or the laws of DE; social gospel; social action (cf. America's messianic complex); socialism; religion; legalism; "Christian" victorious life panaceas; prosperity gospel; "its good because it is helping some people" mentality, et al. Only BD can free you from all this evil thinking.
19. Sin comes from man's OSHGEN whereas evil pervades man's heart/thinking. Therefore, evil is far more difficult to get rid of. Evil gets into the thoughts, the frame of reference, the memory center, the vocabulary, the norms and standards, and then on the launching pad, Mtt. 15:19.

20. Sin was solved at salvation, but evil can only be resolved through spiritual growth/BD resulting in maturity—supergrace!
21. The sins of humanity were judged on the Cross, but problem of evil was not solved at the Cross or in salvation.
22. Evil continues as the policy of Satan until the millennium. He continues to attempt to improve the world by human good and evil. Evil distorts legitimate things (i.e. charity, prayer).

23. Satan attempts to improve apostate Christianity with religion and ministers of “righteousness,” 2 Cor. 11:15. Satan is not opposed to quoting Scripture, Matt. 4. He loves all of the distortions on Christian TV from tithing to bribing God. He loves to focus on buildings, programs, and productions—monsters which have to be fed—just as long as BD is not taught. He is a genius at parlaying good/legitimate things into evil.

2 Corinthians 11:14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.

24. The believer's sin is handled by rebound relating it to the Cross, but evil can only be avoided by establishing a command post of the soul—constructed of Bible doctrine.
25. When a believer is in extended carnality or reversionism, he lives a life of trusting in evil. Only the daily intake and use of the WOG under FHS can remove this evil thinking and protect him.
26. The greatest enemy of mankind and the believer is evil, which always produces arrogance. It is not simply an isolated sin—it is a way of thinking that dominates the life.

27. Evil is the single hardest thing to overcome in the CWL. It takes years and years of consistent and persistent BD under the FHS. The problem is that in evil/arrogance doctrine—this message, BD—is rejected out of hand!
28. Evil originates from the arrogance and evil genius of Satan. It is the epitome of arrogance to assume that man, by man's efforts, can really solve man's deep spiritual and psychological problems.
29. Evil has no capacity to understand grace or what a relationship with God really is or means. Evil has no capacity for freedom for self or for others. Evil makes self into a god—even a savior of sorts.

30. A look at Lucifer, the Evil One—the origin of evil, Isa.14:12-17.

- a. Satan wants to be like God—not unlike God.
- b. He wants to be possessor of heaven and earth.
- c. Satan brought in “evil” for the first time with his independence.
- d. Satan will try to establish a kingdom, but will fail, cf. 17.

- e. Consider how Satan used His position and God-given gifts against God. Ultimate failure of the prosperity test.
- f. Consider how Satan rejected intimate fellowship with God.
- g. Consider how Satan used power from God to fight against and oppose God to the very end. The gifts of God are irrevocable.

- h. Satan will fail to clean up the world or improve nature of man.
- i. Since Satan deceives the whole world (Rev. 12:9), it is not hard to see why he will permit about anything but the teaching of Bible doctrine. He totally rejected Bible doctrine, Jn. 8:44.
- j. Satan loves to get people to reject God and the laws of DE so they will move into idolatry and eventually worship him. He is always pushing success without God—the epitome of evil.