

REMINDER OF GOD'S 3 APPROACHES

7/6/24

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Today – I am going to talk about one of my favorite subjects
 - Today – I am going to mention a concept that I have covered many times
 - Some of the titles have been
 - 2001 – Sovereignty of God
 - 2012 – 3 Ways the Sovereign God Creates Calamity
 - 2014 – Is God Really in Charge?
 - 2018 – How Does God Create Calamity?
 - Title – Reminder of God's 3 Approaches
-

- Please turn to Isaiah 45:7

How involved is God in the terrorist attacks around the world?
How involved is God in the evil being done by the global leaders of the world?
How involved is God in the evil being done by the leaders of your country?
How involved is God in the evil happening in your family?
How involved is God in the traumatic events that are occurring in your life at the present time?

Isaiah 45:7

I make peace and create evil

New King James	I make peace and create calamity
New American Standard	causing well-being and creating calamity
Moffatt	I bring bliss and calamity
Contemporary English	I create happiness and sorrow

- 3 general approaches – which are all found in the Bible

1. God plans the calamity – God conducts the calamity – for God's specific purpose
2. God allows Satan to plan the calamity – God allows Satan to conduct the calamity – for God's specific purpose
3. God allows calamity – without having a specific purpose in mind for those specific incidents at those specific times – (often called "time and chance")

- All 3 approaches are found in the Bible
 - The Bible shows God using all 3 approaches
 - God has operated in all three approaches
-

· Sometimes, God Plans the Details

Exod. 4:21	“I will harden his heart, so that he will not let you go”
	7:13,14,22 9:7,12,34-35 11:10
	8:15,19,32 10:1,20,27 14:8
Rom. 9:14	is God unfair?
15-16	life depends on God’s mercy – (Exodus 33:19)
17	the scripture says to Pharaoh – (Exodus 9:16) – “I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth”

· Sometimes, God Approves the Details

1 Kings 22:19-23	God approved the spirit’s details
Job 1:6-12	God approved Satan’s details
Job 2:1-6	God again approved Satan’s details

· Sometimes, God Allows Events to Occur – Even When He Did Not Have a Specific Purpose at That Specific Time
He Could Have Easily Intervened – but He Used the Event to Further His Overall Will

Eccles. 9:11	time and chance happens to all
Matt. 5:45	God makes His sun rises on the evil & on the good – God sends rain of the just and on the unjust
Luke 13:1-3	were these Galileans sinners above all Galileans?
4-5	were these 18 sinners worse than all the others in Jerusalem?
Phil. 4:12	God watches – poor & plenty – hungry & full
13	God watches – disciples turning to Christ for strength