



“What We Learn about God’s Permissive Will”

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: [Rev 6:1-2 ESV]

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INTRODUCTION:

Main Proposition

- God reigns as the Almighty from His heavenly throne and nothing happens outside of His permissive will but God’s sovereign will, what He decrees to happen because of man’s obedience to His will or in spite of man’s disobedience, will happen.

1. John is given _____ things in the Revelation to write in a scroll and give to the churches.”

"19 "Therefore write **the things which you have seen**, and the things **which are**, and the things **which will take place after these things**." [Rev 1:19 NASB95]

1. You have seen Jesus Christ dwells among the churches and is bodily _____ in glory. Rev 1

"7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen." [Rev 1:7]

2. The church is to be _____ before entering into the kingdom. Rev 2 & 3

"21 After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and [saying,] "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." [Act 14:21-22 NASB95]

3. Jesus Christ will _____ all authority and put all things in _____ under His feet. Rev 4-22

"24 ... destroying every rule and every authority and power...He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. [1Co 15:24-27 NASB95]

2. Revelation 4 & 5 is a celebration of our Sovereign God justly abolishing _____.

"1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ... 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne." [Rev 5:1, 7 ESV]

1. Revelation 4 & 5 are a _____ for the seven year tribulation period. Rev 6-19

"9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." [Rev 5:9-10 ESV]

2. God’s sovereignty was proclaimed by the mouth of a _____ sovereign.

"34 "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom [endures] from generation to generation. 35 "All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And [among] the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'[Dan 4:34-35]

3. The glory and power and _____ of the Lamb is celebrated ahead of the victory.

"13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and **to the Lamb, [be] blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever**." [Rev 5:13 NASB95]

3. What should we take away from God's decree _____ the rise of the antichrist?

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1. God alone is able to justly judge all those who walk in _____ .

37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who **walk in pride.**" [Dan 4:37]

1. The breaking of the first seal views the _____ of the tribulation from heaven's perspective.

"27 The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him." [Dan 9:27 NLT]

2. The Sovereign Father determined the _____ and Jesus breaks the seal to determine the _____.

3. The antichrist wears the _____ crown. στέφανος -victory of games, military valor, civic worth, nuptial joy, festal gladness.

4. The white horse, bow and crown represents _____ received due to strategic and military valor.

2. We believe that God is both _____ and _____ in all He is doing.

"3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." [Isa 26:3]

1. No decision of man or angel is made outside of God's _____ will.

"6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them...."Does Job fear God for no reason? 10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." 12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD." [Job 1:6-12 ESV]

2. The antichrist will have great _____ and persuasive _____.

"9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders," [2Th 2:9 ESV]

(1) Sabeans took the oxen and donkeys and killed Job's servants with the _____ v 15

(2) The _____ of God fell _____ and burned up the sheep and the servants. v16

(3) The Chaldeans _____ and took his camels and slew his servants. v17

(4) All his sons and daughters were feasting in a house and a _____ came and the roof fell upon them. v18-19

3. Leave justice to God who will judge _____ justly.

"18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath [of God,] for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. 20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." [Rom 12:18-21 NASB95]

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1. God’s _____ will, His precepts, is always to do what is righteous.

"13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death." [Jas 1:13-15 ESV]

2. God desire is that none should _____.

11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

3. The submission of our will to God’s will is essential to live by _____.

"21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven** [will enter.]" [Mat 7:21 NASB95] "40 "For this is **the will of My Father**, that everyone who beholds the Son and **believes** in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." [Jhn 6:40 NASB95]

CONCLUSION

Can you say with...

☪ **JOB** - "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." 22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong." [Job 1:21-22 ESV]

☪ **JOSEPH** - "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? 20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, [but] God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive." [Gen 50:19-20 NASB95]

☪ **JEREMIAH** - "19 Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness. 20 Surely my soul remembers And is bowed down within me. 21 This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. 22 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. 23 [They] are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him. 26 [It is] good that he waits silently For the salvation of the LORD." [Lam 3:19-26]