Probation of Satan and Sin until Armageddon

Introduction

From time to time haven't you heard the question asked, "Why does God allow evil to continue"?

Well study the scriptures carefully, and you will discover that Satan, evil, and sin shall not continue indefinitely! Therefore, I think of Satan and the things that are his as on probation until the second coming of Jesus; the day of the LORD, which begins at the time of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16; Revelation 19:11 through 19:21; Zechariah Chapter 14).

If one knows nothing about something that exists, then how does someone that knows everything about the something that exists, explain to one that knows nothing about the something, such that, the one understands?

Thus, the dilemma of Adam when he knew nothing of evil and sin! And such is the dilemma of men when they refuse to accept the things of God according to FAITH declared in Scripture.

And so for these reasons, the God of creation conducts the long process of making His mysteries known to those that would inherit eternal life.

We come to know the results and penalties for disobedience to God. The evil and sin brought on by that disobedience is learned first hand throughout human history (Revelation 61 through 6:8). All one need for verification is to examine what is written of the past. And nothing does a better job of that than Scripture (The Judeo-Christian Bible), the written Word of God.

An important process God uses to inform the human race of who he is and those things that are of Him, is stated in the Book of Isaiah:

- Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk (*no longer babies that are unable to receive knowledge*), and drawn from the (*mothers*) breasts.
- Isa 28:10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:
- Isa 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.
- Isa 28:12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.
- Isa 28:13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

And so when God will have finish the process whereby He shall have made himself known to His fallen creation and those that would receive His offer of eternal life, those offensive teaching tools (Satan, evil, and sin) shall be sealed in the bottomless pit that burns with fire and brimstone, as prophesied in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 20.

Romans Chapter 9

- The Apostle Paul provided insight on this matter of God allowing evil to continue as He make Himself known, in order that he may save his people.
- Rom 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,
- Rom 9:2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.
- Rom 9:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed (*made to suffer*) from Christ for my brethren (*the Jews of Israel*), my kinsmen according to the flesh (*because they trample under foot the promise of the Messiah from God the Father*):
- Rom 9:4 Who *(for they)* are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises;
- Rom 9:5 Whose *are* the fathers (*or which promises came to the fathers*), and of whom (*the fathers*) as concerning (*or according to*) the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all (*or everything*), God blessed for ever. Amen.
- Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel (*or born so according to flesh*):
- Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called (or being seed according to the flesh do not make them true Israelites).
- Rom 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise (according to faith) are counted for the seed (or those that are red hot (believed) for the promise (pearls of God) are Israelites. For without faith it is impossible to please God).
- Rom 9:9 For this (trusting, believing, faith) is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son (in other words Abraham and Sara focused, believed, had faith in, and expected what God promised/said).
- Rom 9:10 And not only (*Sara*); but when Rebecca also had conceived by one (*the promise*), *even* by our father Isaac;
- Rom 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election (*calling*) might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth, *which is God*;)
- Rom 9:12 It was said unto her (*Rebecca*), The elder shall serve the younger.
- Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.
- Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid.
- Rom 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
- Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth (*or decide to*), nor of him that runneth (*or go to the task*), but of God that sheweth mercy.

But then God uses whomsoever He will:

- Rom 9:17 For the scripture (*God*) saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in (*and over*) thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.
- Rom 9:18 Therefore hath he (*God*) mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.
- Rom 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he (*God*) yet find fault? For who hath (*successfully*) resisted his will?
- Rom 9:20 Nay but, O man (or O man that is not the real question), (but) who art thou that repliest (complain) against God? Shall the thing formed (made, created) say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?
- Rom 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump (*batch of clay*) to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

God tolerate the unbelieving, rebellious, and disobedient so that he might make known his glory and mercy to those accepting his invitation to eternal life.

- Rom 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the (unbelieving, rebellious, disobedient) vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
- Rom 9:23 And (so) that he might make known the riches of his glory on the (obedient) vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,
- Rom 9:24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?
- Rom 9:25 As he saith also in Osee (*book of Hosea*), I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.
- Rom 9:26 And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place (*country*, *nation*, *city*) where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.
- Rom 9:27 Esaias (*Isaiah*) also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, (*only*) a remnant shall be saved:
- Rom 9:28 For he (*God*) will finish the work, and cut *it* short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.
- Rom 9:29 And as Esaias (*Isaiah*) said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.
- Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.
- Rom 9:31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.
- Rom 9:32 Wherefore? Because (or is it because?) they sought it (righteousness) not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.(?) For they stumbled at that stumblingstone (righteous Jesus, which must be sought/received by faith, and not according to works of the law);
- Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone (*Jesus*) and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth (*have faith*) on him shall not be ashamed.

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