

Doctrine of Providence- Part 8

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God uses evil to do good [usually to punish or conquer evil, sometimes to test and strengthen faith and character]

Does this mean the ends justifies the means?

Acts 4:27 against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

Romans 9:17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, for this purpose have I raised thee up,

Genesis 45:7 And God sent me before you to save your lives –Joseph said after the fact

Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. - *same*

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Isaiah 43:3 For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour 4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. 5 Fear not: for I am with thee: 14 Thus saith the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of

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Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

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See 1 Kings 12:15, 24 God said, "This [evil] thing is from me"

2Kings19:28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

2Corinthians12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

God holds people who do evil accountable for the evil they do

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Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

God Himself does no evil

Job 34:10 far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man

God has used Satan to do evil

2Samuel 24:1 the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he moved David to say, Go, number Israel... 1CH 21:1 Satan ...provoked David to number Israel.

[Also, Job 1:1-21 above]

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All of the above together comprise the Calvinist Doctrine of Providence, using the key texts and with some Questions of mine to think about