

THE STUDY OF GOD #5

Last week we began looking at the “decrees” of God. The decrees of God are His eternal purposes based on His wise and holy counsel, where God has freely and unchangeably for His own glory, ordained all that comes to pass. There are two kinds of decrees – **Directive decrees** – the decrees that have been purposed or directed to come about and **Permissive decrees** – some things that have been determined to be permitted. Today we will finish up this study in the decrees of God by looking at:

- **The content and order of the decrees.**

1. In the material and physical realm.

- **Creation of the universe and man – Is. 45:18.**
- **To establish the earth – Ps. 119:90-91.**
- **To not again destroy the earth by flood – Gen. 9:8-17.**
- **The distribution of the nations – Deut. 32:8.**
- **The length of human life – Job 14:5.**
- **The manner of exit from this life – John 21:19.**

2. In the moral and spiritual realm.

- **God decreed to permit sin – Ps. 78:29.**
- **To overrule sin for the good – Gen. 50:20.**
- **To save man from sin – Titus 2:11.**
- **To reward His servants and punish the disobedient – Is. 62:11.**
- **The family and the home – Gen. 2:18.**
- **Human government – Gen. 9:5-6.**
- **Israel to be a chosen nation – Deut. 7:6-8 -.**
- **The founding and mission of the Church – Matt. 16:18.**