



SERMON NOTES

Does The Bible Say That?

Everything Happens For A Reason

2 Kings 4:42-44

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John 9:1-7 (NLT)

1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" 3 "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. 4 We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. 5 But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. 7 He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

Everything that happens isn't for a reason but has a reason.

-Unknown

I cannot believe that God plays dice with the world.

-Albert Einstein

THE FOUR REASONS FOR THIS REASONING

1. Fatalism

Fatalism is the view that every event that happens had to happen.

-Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary

APPLICATION: PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IS MY ABILITY TO _____.

Galatians 6:7 (AMP)

7 Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked by mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that and that only is what he will reap.

2. God's Providence

Literally means foresight (related to the word provide), but is generally used to denote God's preserving and governing all things by means of secondary causes.

-Encyclopedia of Bible Facts

The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of man; and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?

—Benjamin Franklin

Colossians 1:17 (NLT)

17 He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

PROVIDENCE is the hand of God on the steering wheel of history. It is God at work both to will and do His good pleasure. He possesses the ultimate veto power over His universe reserving the right to override man's will and actions for the greater good of His divine purpose. God has both Satan and man on a short leash. —Carl Toti

APPLICATION: WE CAN _____ FAST TO ROMANS 8:28

Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

3. God's Sovereignty

God is the supreme authority who rules over all creation.

Psalms 97:1 (NKJV)

1 The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!

APPLICATION: GOD IS SOVEREIGN, WHICH MEANS HE ALONE IS ULTIMATELY IN

_____.

4. The Power of Free Will

The power of acting without the constraint of necessity or fate; the ability to act at one's own discretion.

–Google Dictionary

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT)

19 "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

APPLICATION: YOU CAN _____ YOUR WAY TO A BETTER YOU AND A BETTER LIFE!

Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

Psalms 33:11 (NIV)

11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Answers:

1. *Respond*
2. *Hold*
3. *Control*
4. *Choose*