

# Epilogue: Our Reality

## God's Delegation of Authority is our Reality

There are many reasons and ways to embrace God's delegation of authority to humanity. In describing the truth of God's delegation as extensively as was done in Part 2, I did not pile on arguments for argument's sake. Instead, I shared a clear Biblical truth ... from many passages.

God's delegation is a clear and consistent Biblical message; the Bible provides abundant, pertinent details to fill more chapters. It feels like I held back. Many sections could have expanded in size with more detailed explanations of the scripture verses listed or referenced. Topics or contexts could also be expanded by adding other Bible passages. Others will fill in gaps with personal study, etc.

While the Bible describes it clearly and consistently, God's work of delegation is an entirely new view of reality. Seeing through this Literal Lens challenges, and requires changing, universally-held and widely-taught beliefs. God's delegation will alter the belief and understanding of nearly all Bible believers, and will negate the non-believer's belief that the believer's God, if He existed, would freely exercise control on the earth. It is easy to think that. We wonder how anyone could even suggest that there is a place where the Almighty God does not have direct control. Almost everyone, today, believes that the God of the Bible is in charge and in control of all the earth. We must help correct this.

God Himself spoke delegation. We believe it because it was God's plan and action in Genesis 1:26-28, and because it is our reality. The Bible's teaching – that God delegated authority *over all the earth* to humanity – is literally true. The earth is not God's direct domain. In the Bible, this truth is stated clearly and confirmed often ... but since we have not believed it, believing God's delegation now changes our view of almost everything: this Bible truth is needed to correct our view of the Bible, of humanity, of our Creator, and of the earth He created.

It is ironic that many who believe in God's Sovereign earthly control, do not let Him be God on the earth. Even though He planned to delegate authority over the earth, and even though He did exactly what He planned to do, many say that God could never delegate this direct earthly authority to humanity. Why? do they think that He would not then be God? or have they not thought much about it?

God remains God when He delegates, and when, by His choice and act, He does not have direct authority over the earth. Nevertheless ... it is insisted ...

♦ we need Him so much! Yes, we do.

♦ we need Him to be God in our world – here and now! Yes, we do.

He is God, and He does not change. We trust God to be God in our individual worlds by relating to Him with submission, intercession, and more. Yet, God does not need to control everything on the earth, God does not need to overrule and stop any effect of any bad choice, and God does not need to intervene and act on His Own.

Since He is God, He respects His delegation; as God, He has many ways to accomplish all of His purposes, even while humanity has the responsibility and the authority to subdue the earth and all of Jesus' enemies.

When looking through the common lens of God's control on the earth, believers see multiplied 'evidences' of His control and independent activity in the Bible and all over the earth – all day, every day. The 'evidences' are true, but the view is wrong. The Bible teaches delegation. All who believe the idea that God has direct control on the earth have a greatly distorted view, because they filter everything through the upside-down belief that God is in control on the earth. Most of God's good people believe this, but it is NOT the Bible's teaching.

We have a much clearer view of the same 'evidences' when we believe that people have God-delegated control *over all the earth*, as the Bible teaches. God, in the Bible, reveals our reality to be that people do as they choose on the earth. Seeing through this Literal Lens enables us to see our life and our world more clearly ... and to see God and His Word more clearly.

### **God's Creation of Evil is our Reality**

Created in God's image, we have the free ability to choose a bad option that God creates ... and then to experience the bad consequence(s) that God also creates. This is our reality; it shouts that our choices are free, and that they matter; with each choice we make, we bless or curse our lives and world.

With this reality – God's delegation of authority and God's creation of evil – His existence with evil is no problem to explain: having authority and freedom ...

- ♦ people make the only 'evil-causing' bad choices on the earth.
- ♦ people are entirely responsible for messing up the world – not God.
- ♦ people are responsible to clean up the messes made in the world – not God.

This exonerates the Creator God ... but it would not do so if God had retained even partial control to intervene and stop an evil assault or effect an event on His Own. If He had this authority, He would be responsible for every bit of evil here, regardless of how and why it is manifested. (Imagine God assigning blame to people for this trouble, but not that.) Whether natural disasters, or sin, or their effects, or anything else, if God could stop any of them, He is responsible for their existence on earth. If He did not fully delegate to humanity authority *over all the earth*, then the condition of the earth is His direct responsibility.