

3rd John # 8

“Understanding Evil” Part 2

3rd John 11; Psalm 21

We’re not promoted in life unless the Lord promotes us and David has been promoted and he knows that the Lord is due all the credit and glory.

After about 47 years, the Jewish nation is again united under humble King David who’s not thinking about the greatness of his part in the victory because he has the right perspective; the victory, like the battle, is the Lords!

David is not boasting, he’s trusting in God; recognizing the fact that his confidence in God and his courage toward man and circumstances comes from biblical truth in his soul.

The tree of life is capacity to enjoy life and this capacity comes from biblical truth resident in our souls.

Saying that David asked for life which in the Hebrew is lives means that David prayed for a number of blessings in time along with the time to enjoy those blessings.

It’s harder to handle a prosperity test than tests of deprivation and David handled both magnificently.

For the mature believer, stability always has a negative side; total rejection of evil, so God’s grace is the basis for stability in time and biblical truth is the revelation of God’s grace.

Remember that grace is the expression of the genius of God just as evil is the expression of the genius of Satan and God’s grace is seen and appropriated through His Word.

The believer who has this stability has capacity for life and is not influenced by evil, he’s only influenced by biblical truth.

The holiness of God demands the continuation of the human race during the course of history and during the course of the angelic dispute.

One of the concepts of evil is the idea that life must be preserved; that we must try to stop dying.

The Word of God was here before we came as an absolute and as the manifestation of the genius of God and evil is the manifestation of the genius of Satan.

Man was created in order to resolve the angelic dispute and man’s fall did not in any way cause any disaster for the plan of God because man’s fall actually extended the angelic dispute masterfully.

Evil is the MO of Satan as ruler of this world; it’s his policy from his genius in ruling the world.

Evil and sin are different although they overlap in certain cases.

Evil includes certain sins but it’s much more than sin; evil includes a tremendous amount of good.

Evil includes human good, every attempt to solve the problems of life apart from God and His Word and every attempt to destroy man’s true freedom.

Man’s freedom must be limited only by God’s established laws but man’s freedom must

never be limited by man-made laws that try to solve his problems.

Human law is not a problem-solver, law is a protection of the free-will of all mankind, making evangelism possible.

Anyone who's so mixed up that they're not able to distinguish evil from good is going to have a miserable life.

God promotes prepared people and there's no subst for preparation.

And God protects the prepared person, so David was promoted & protected from evil.

Many conspiracies were planned by evil people against David and all were frustrated.

This is a blessing we all too often take for granted as many, many times we have been protected from evil and we've been totally unaware of it.