

God Overruling Again
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Sermon Text: Genesis 20:1-18

Is God ruling in all of this?

Allen Ross:

Throughout the Abrahamic Narratives threats to the promise frequently arise. Now, just on the eve of the fulfillment of the promise, such a threat appears again. It is a variation of an old theme; just as before, so here, unless God providentially intervened in the matter, everything would be lost.

Psalm 10:1 *Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?*

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

In all these things, it is difficult to see that God is ruling- overruling all things for good.

Romans 8:28

In Chapter 20 we have a case study where God overrules in the lives of both the saved and the unsaved.

1. Look at how God overrules in the sins of the unsaved (vs. 1-13)

WCF of Providence

III. God, in his ordinary providence, maketh use of means, yet is free to work without, above, and against them, at his pleasure.

VII. As the providence of God doth, in general, reach to all creatures, so, after a most special manner, it taketh care of his Church, and disposeth all things to the good thereof.

2. Look at how YHWH overrules in the sins of the saved (vs. 14-18)

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V. The most wise, righteous, and gracious God, doth oftentimes leave for a season his own children to manifold temptations and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.

The LORD did intervene- he restored Sarah to Abraham.

THE THREE OFFICES OF CHRIST

I think God was showing Abraham what the SEED would do to save the world

Preach good news as the great Prophet- THE WORD of God

Make atonement and intercede as the Great High Priest

Rule and overrule human unbelief and weakness to save and become King of Kings