

God's Rights

Isaiah 55:8-9

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- ◇ James 4:12

- ◇ For our good

- ◇ Psalm 19:7-8

- ◇ In every dispensation

- ◇ Genesis 2:15-17

- ◇ Deuteronomy 6:1

- ◇ Hebrews 8:10-11; 5:8

- ◇ Given through agency of angels and men

- ◇ Hebrews 1:1-2; 2:1-4

- ◇ Galatians 1:6-9

- ◇ 1 Corinthians 11:23, 27

- ◇ Written that we may know

- ◇ 1 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 3:4

- ◇ 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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2. It is the right of God to restrict the activities of men
 - ◇ Principle throughout God's interactions with man
 - ◇ Deuteronomy 4:2; 29:29
 - ◇ Matthew 7:21-23
 - ◇ 2 John 9-11
 - ◇ Revelation 22:18-19
 - ◇ God's revelation to and interaction with men teaches that His silence must not be interpreted as consent
 - ◇ Men approved of God have not asked "where did God say not to?" but "what *did* God say to do?"

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- ◇ Hebrews 11:4; Genesis 4:5
- ◇ Leviticus 22; Malachi 1:9-10
- ◇ John 4:23-24; Acts 2:42;
Colossians 3:23

◇ Not just an attitude issue

- ◇ Leviticus 10:1-3
- ◇ Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:6-9
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 11:22

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- ◇ Genesis 3:16, 17, 23; 22:16-17
- ◇ Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- ◇ 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9
- ◇ Revelation 22:14-15

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◇ What is sin? 1 John 3:4

◇ Who can remit sins?

◇ Hebrews 10:16-18

◇ Luke 2:6-10

◇ God chose the plan

◇ Ephesians 1:4

◇ God paid the price

◇ Romans 3:24-26

◇ God declared the terms

◇ Matthew 16:19; 18:18; John 20:23

◇ Acts 2:38

◇ Acts 8:22-24; 1 John 1:7-9

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- ◇ A day is appointed

- ◇ Acts 17:31

- ◇ The end of time accompanied by

- ◇ Christ's second (and final) coming

- ◇ One resurrection of the just and unjust

- ◇ The destruction of the heavens and the earth

- ◇ The judgement

- ◇ Entrance into heaven, or

- ◇ Casting into hell

- ◇ God knows the hour

- ◇ Matthew 24:36, 37, 42-44

- ◇ On His schedule

- ◇ 2 Peter 3:1-12

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Psalm 9:20

“Put them in fear, O Lord,
That the nations may know
themselves to be but men. Selah”