

SCHOOL OF DIPLOMATIC LEADERSHIP



Theological Perspective of God's Intention

Basis of God's Intention

The theological perspective of God's intention expresses expanding His dwelling place from Heaven to Earth, whereby the creation of man as dwell placing establishes the Basis of God's Intention.

Genesis 2:5-7 NKJV, this is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

II Corinthians 6:16, "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

Revelation 21:3 NKJV, "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

The Fulfillment of God's Intentions

Matthew 6:10 NKJV, "Your kingdom come Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Luke 17:20-21 NKJV, "Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered then and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; now will they say, "See here!" or "See there!" For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

Genesis 1:26 NKJV, "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Man was created for the purpose of God's earthly habitation.

The Theological Perspective of God's Intentions from the beginning to the ending of the Bible holds true. The expansion perspective might appear to be narrow in scope, however, utilizing the Socratic and later Hermeneutics methods we will form the framework of our research. We will utilize Scriptures to build concepts, principles and practices for a meaningful relationship with God based on His intention.

Socratic Method:

The Socratic method searches for general commonly held truths that shape not and scrutinizes them to determine their consistency with other beliefs. The basic form is a series of questions formulated as tests of logic and fact intended to help a person or group discover their beliefs about some topic, explore definitions, and characterize general characteristics shared by various particular instances.

Questions & Answers About God's Intention:

Where does God want to expand? On Earth. Why on Earth? Physical control. How will physical control come? Supremacy over every life form of the air, sea, and land. When will supremacy exist? God's dwelling on Earth. Who will God dwell in on Earth? Man. What represents God's dwelling in man? Dominion.

Defining Dominion:

There are several definitions or meanings of the word "dominion".

1.

sovereignty or control:

Similar terms

supremacy, ascendancy,

dominance,

domination, superiority

2.

the territory of a sovereign or

government:

Similar terms

dependency, colony,

protectorate,

territory, province

3.

another term for domination

Therefore, we will rely on terms such as sovereignty, control (power / authority), territory, and government.

God built man from, on, and in the Earth to have sovereignty and power to expand His governance on Earth. The proper understanding of this dominion is “territorial rule” commensurate with man’s willingness and obedience.

Thus, man is created from the dust of the Earth; to exist on the Earth; and to live in the Earth as God’s territory (dwelling place) for the fulfillment of His promise, “let them have dominion”. Moreover, God who is Spirit made man who is physical as His instrument for expanding His presence from Heaven to rule on Earth.

Consequently, God knows the thoughts or plans He has toward or for man. What are the thoughts or plans? To give man peace and not of evil and to give man a future and hope (as an expected end). Man has in essence been predestined for prosperity or completeness, not harm nor destruction.

This theory of knowledge, especially regarding methods, validity, and scope sets the stage for researching what distinguishes justified belief from compounded historical opinion relative to a theological perspective principle, and practices of God’s Intention.

Research Guidance:

The main source for researching this subject matter will be the Bible. The most literal version of the Bible is encouraged, yet the amplification should be the extent. Do not go into interpretative and commentary sources for they will cloud our ability perform hermeneutics of the texts or scriptures. When interpretative thought is applied language materials such as Strong’s Concordance and like source materials (Noah Webster 1828, Strong’s Dictionary, Theological Dictionary, The Word Study Concordance, Manners and Customs, Encyclopedia of Bible Facts, etc.) are encouraged.

Hermeneutics is the theory and methodology of interpretation, especially the interpretation of biblical texts, wisdom literature, as well as philosophical texts. As necessary, hermeneutics may include the art of understanding and communication.

Modern hermeneutics includes both verbal and non-verbal communication as well as semiotics, presuppositions, and pre-understandings. Hermeneutics has been broadly applied in the humanities, especially in law, history, and theology.

Hermeneutics was initially applied to the interpretation, or exegesis of scripture, and has been later broadened to questions of general interpretation.

The terms *hermeneutics* and *exegesis* are sometimes used interchangeably. Hermeneutics is a wider discipline which includes written, verbal, and non-verbal communication. Exegesis focuses primarily upon the word and grammar of texts.

The academic research council will focus on exploring and understanding the theological perspective of God's intention, specifically related to the expansion of His dwelling place from Heaven to Earth and the creation of humanity to play a central role in this divine plan. The proposed research spans a wide range of biblical texts and principles, with a comprehensive approach involving both the Socratic method and hermeneutics. Here's a way forward for this undertaking, with a suggested timeframe:

Week 1: Research Team Formation and Objective Setting

Assemble a team of researchers with diverse expertise in theology, biblical studies, philosophy, and hermeneutics.

Define the specific objectives and research questions, ensuring they align with the preliminary basis of God's intention with regards to the scriptures provided.

Week 2-4: Literature Review and Initial Scriptural Analysis

Conduct an extensive literature review, focusing on existing theological interpretations and discussions related to God's intention centering on *"let them have dominion"*.

Begin the analysis of the Scriptures provided in the preliminary basis, with an emphasis on understanding key concepts, such as dominion and God's intention.

Week 5-8: Socratic Method and Theological Inquiry

Utilize the Socratic method to question and critically evaluate the theological concepts presented in the scriptures.

Engage in discussions and debates within the research team, fostering a deeper understanding of the theological implications of God's intention.

Week 9-12: Expanding the Research Scope

Explore additional biblical passages that may shed light on the theological perspective of God's intention.

Begin to identify common themes and patterns within the scriptures that emphasize the expansion of God's dwelling place on Earth and the role of humanity in this process.

Months 3-6: Hermeneutics and Interpretation

Dive into the world of hermeneutics to deepen the understanding of how biblical texts should be interpreted and understood.

Apply hermeneutical principles to the scriptures and theological concepts under investigation. Examine the historical and cultural context of the biblical passages to extract their intended meaning.

Months 6-9: Data Collection and In-Depth Analysis

Systematically collect data on the various scriptural passages, interpretations, and theological discussions.

Conduct in-depth textual analysis, considering different translations and the original languages of the Bible.

Develop a framework for understanding the principles and practices related to God's intention.

Months 9-12: Synthesis and Conclusions

Synthesize the findings from the research, integrating the Socratic method and hermeneutical insights.

Formulate a set of principles and practices for understanding and applying God's intention. Draft a comprehensive report or academic paper summarizing the research findings, which can serve as a foundation for further theological discussions and teachings.

Year 1: Peer Review and Finalization

Submit the research paper for peer review by experts in the field of theology and biblical studies.

Address any feedback and revise the paper as necessary.

Finalize the research, and prepare for dissemination through academic conferences, journals, and other relevant channels.

The above framework allows for a comprehensive exploration of the theological perspective of God's intention, integrating the Socratic method and hermeneutics to delve into the scriptures and extract a meaningful understanding of this divine plan. The timeline can be adjusted based on the depth and scope of the research, ensuring a rigorous and thorough examination of the subject matter.

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