

on the other hand while the Bible recognizes the great supremacy and control of God over everything, not a sparrow falls to the ground without the knowledge of God, yet the Bible recognizes the basic evil in the world. It is plainly taught there. The Lord's prayer, may thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven, what a difference, God's will done in heaven and may it be done in earth the same way. Well, if God controls all things why isn't it done in earth the same way it is in heaven, but we pray that it may be. Ephesians 2:2 we read about a world in which everyone of us is implicated and you hath He quickened and were dead in trespasses and sin where in times past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience, among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lust of our flesh fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind and were by nature the children of wrath even as others. In John 12:31, John 14:30 and John 16:11 it is recognized that the prince of this world is the one who is described as the adversary and our Lord Jesus Christ said the prince of this world who has nothing and in Daniel 2 and 7 are pictured a great wicked cruel force fighting over this whole world until the time when God eventually intervenes and destroys it. We don't need the revelation of God to tell us of these factors, they are perfectly apparent, anyone should be able to be convinced of the goodness of the world, and of the wickedness and evil that is in the world. They are there, but how are you going to fit them together, what is the answer, how are they related to each other. Oh, we know that some philosophers look at one and forget the other, this is all there is and it just doesn't work and some look at the other and forget the one and that is unreasonable, there is too much beauty in the world to what is the answer. Well, there is a third answer which comes to us, they say, God is doing the best he can. They say he is a weak god, he is a finite god, this is a very widespread philosophy, there is a god, but he is a finite god and he is doing the best he can and he is trying to work things out. It is somewhat like the