

I was talking ^{with} a physician some years ago who was active in a Christian medical society, ~~and~~ going about the country speaking to ~~the~~ ^{doctors} ministers and he himself was having ~~a~~ great trouble with problems of the faith and he talked to me about it. And his primary problem was this. He ~~wanted~~ ^{said,} ~~to~~ ~~deal~~ I deal with a person, and he said, ~~that~~ I deal skilfully with their medical situation and they live and recover, and he said I make a blunder in dealing with ~~them~~ and they die. ^(Now) Then he said, how ~~can~~ ^{do} you ~~put~~ ^{fit} that together with the sovereignty of God? ^{well it's} ^a ~~This~~ ^{is} the point that we ^(all) have to recognize that God is supreme, and God knows the end ^{from} ~~to~~ the beginning, The whole plan of God was before Him, and even before the foundation of the world, and yet it is true that ~~results~~ ^{what we do} follow from the actions that we take. ^{And} If we under God learn to present the gospel in a clear and effective way we win souls, and if we present ~~it~~ in a tactless, ~~and~~ stumbling, unclear way it is only rarely that God uses us. God wants us to learn to use our ability ^{yes} and ~~the~~ results even though depend to a very real extent upon our effectiveness, ~~even~~ ^{it is true that} God has ordained the end from the beginning and it is ~~always~~ ^{all a part of} ~~possible~~ ..

~~his~~ plan. Now to understand these two different problems I have spoken of. ^{the} One of the sovereignty of God in relation to missionary work, and ~~there~~ the other one of the place of the Old Testament in our study and in our understanding, there are a few vital principles that we need to have in mind. I want to look at three of them this morning. The first of these three deals with the nature of sin. We are all too ready to talk about sin and not actually ~~world~~ to realize what a force it is in the ~~will~~ and how important it is. During the World War I, I remember ^{people said} ~~someone~~ ^{by}, How can there be a god who would permit this war, if there was a god. How can God exist and let ~~the world~~ ^{this world} go on? They had no conception of what sin is, and what sin means.