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THE REASON FOR DISPENSATIONS

Since Jesus Christ is the center of human history –He is also the key for understanding human history [Ephesians 3:10-11, Rev. 1:8]. The doctrine of the dispensations spotlights Him – He is the center of the six human dispensations.

The knowledge of the doctrine of dispensations prevents the horrid mistake of twisting biblical truth and it provides basis for correct interpretation of the Word of God.

Many principles, policies and procedures that God established remain constant throughout history. The believer cannot overlook certain changes that distinguish one era of biblical history from another. The very reason for the change of divine policies and operation for human history must be defined –since God reveal His unchanging glory, wisdom, and power under different conditions.

From God's eternal perspective the ultimate in this long and varied demonstration of His character is the relationship between Christ and the Church, in which the believer is in eternal union with Christ [Ephesians 1:17-23 3:10, 21].

The only explanation for this multifaceted divine revelation that unfolds throughout human history lies in the angelic revolt. Satan and the host of angels who joined his rebellion were brought to trial and convicted and were sentenced to the Lake of Fire. The sentence of the fallen angels to eternal Lake of Fire was pronounced long before mankind existed –but the execution was postponed until the end of human history [Matthew 25:41, Revelation 20:10].

The reason for the postponement of execution of the sentence was because Satan objected to God's perfect verdict. Satan appealed for re-trial, just as he continues to contend against God. Any objection to perfect divine judgment slanders the character of God. God convened an appeal trial in which He would demonstrate His perfect character and perfect verdict against Satan. The divine reason for the creation of mankind is to resolve the angelic conflict.

God will answer every aspect of Satan's objection in the pre-historic trial. Simultaneously, Satan is attempting to prove himself equal with God (Isaiah 14:14), but the devil displays only arrogance, incompetence, and evil, which confirms his guilt.

Human history is the appeal trial of the angelic conflict. The numerous and diverse aspects of God's wisdom are revealed through mankind, and most dramatically through the Church –to the rulers and the authorities (fallen angels) in the heavenly places [Ephesians 3:10, 6:12].

In every segment of the appeal trial of Satan, the grace of God and the perfect justice of God are proven again and again. God introduces changes into His administration of human history in order to present His perfect plan of grace, disprove Satan's case, and deliver a decisive closing argument. These changes produce the dispensations.

God created only one doctrine of dispensation while various cultic religions fabricated their own versions of dispensations based on human viewpoint and not based on biblical truth. In this book, we refer only to one doctrine of dispensation and that is the biblical doctrine of dispensations.

Dispensation is God's perfect design for human history –a stage where He manifests time after time His gracious acts for the benefits of man. The primary purpose and design of dispensation is for God to reveal progressively His gracious plan for man, while men are getting worst but God remains perfect and just. Dispensation is a reality and there is no way to get rid of it.