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Our Sovereign God and the Error of Deism

Deism is "a movement or system of thought advocating natural religion based on human reason rather than revelation, emphasizing morality and in the 18th century denying the interference of the Creator with the laws of the universe." As with all of Satan's substitutes for God's total Truth, he perpetrates some Truth buried within lies.

God, in His Omniscience, knew that Adam, the caretaker He placed in charge of the earth, would fail and that Lucifer would once again be in control of the planet (*with God's permission*). He knew that Lucifer's control of the planet could not and would not in any way hinder His sovereign plan. As a result, God created certain powerful principles, unbreakable laws, if you will, and set them into motion in order to insure His ultimate control. He knew that Satan, as the ruler of this world, would do anything in his power to disrupt and corrupt humanity. While God wanted to allow the angelic conflict, Satan's ongoing attempt to thwart the Plan of God and thereby prevent his ultimate doom in the Lake of Fire, to run its course, He still could not allow the god of this world to have unlimited control over the earth.

Divine laws of nature were God's way of insuring that Satan could not totally control the world and prevent the exercise of man's free will. Satan could not violate the law of gravity, for example, and cause people to fly off the earth to their deaths. God could not, then, bring "many sons into glory"! God created a life span for every human being. Satan cannot change that life span. We have been given a glimpse in the book of Job of this conflict, and we know that it continues to this day. God allowed Satan to freely have his way although not permitted to take Job's life. The Bible gives us continual examples of how Satan attempted to destroy the humanity of Jesus in the line of David. We read that Satan found a way to circumvent the law of human reproduction, trying to destroy the humanity of the future Messiah, as recorded in Genesis 6. God had to destroy the entire population of the earth in a worldwide flood to thwart this attempt. He spared those whose genetic material was not "contaminated" by angelic beings (sons of God), thus insuring that Jesus Christ would be 100% human. We also see in His Word how this conflict will ultimately end. Revelation 20:10 tells us "And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

The error of deism is that they believe that God "walked away" after creating those laws... that He does not continue to interfere with the laws of the universe. We know that's not the case! He remains the Master Controller of all things and retains the prerogative of interceding and even temporarily overruling those laws in order to perpetuate His Plan. Calming a storm and walking on water are two vivid examples. We call these intercessions miracles.

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