

is real and not a mere sham, that we have the right to decide whether we are going to overeat or not, and that if we overeat we will probably be sickly, and it is our own fault, and that we are responsible for our acts in life, that the sin which we have and which we commit is something we can't blame God for, it's our own responsibility because we choose it, so there are two facts which we can't fully understand how they work together, but in eternity we will doubtless understand it fully. The scientist who does not have God's revelation but finds it impossible to fit the two facts together, usually accepts one and denies the other, or accepts the other and denies the one. Because we do not have the human (7 1/4) to explain how they fit together but the Bible tells us that both of them are true. God has made his plan, God has ordained it, we cannot strive against God, On the other hand, God has given us responsibilities, he has placed us in situations, we will find that as far as we can see the results will be very different, depending on whether we stand true to the Lord or whether we turn aside from what the Lord should do. And certainly the results would be very different in Isaac's life, and in Jacob's life, if they were true to the Lord or if they were not. But God's great plan will work out in spite of humanity, it cannot help it, it will come in spite of us, and how much better that it will come through us, rather than in spite of us. Yes? (student.8)

That of course is a matter which is in God's hands, and as the Lord ~~show~~ chose to permit the patriarchs to be instruments of revelation, I might say to somebody I want this person to be so-and-so, such -and-such. It might work out and it might not. God chose that the patriarchs should have this function of being his instruments of revelation. Now he having chosen it that way, I would think it likely that he would cause it to pass. He uses the wrath of man to serve him, and if Rebecca's sin hadn't offset Isaac's sin and caused that the result would be what God had intended, God would have worked it out in a different way. God may have caused that when Isaac