

now in a midst of a world which is rapidly going over the abyss and what can we possibly do to hold it and we try hard to hold it aback and to rescue the little bit of this world for righteousness and we call ~~and~~ and we hope we can do something for ~~and~~ and we hope it may be possible to save some part of this world for belief in God. Nothing of the kind. Our sovereign God controls all things. The end of all things is in his hands and we know that his will be the victory in the end. We know that though Satan has great range of it that though Satan controls this world, that though a great mass of humanity is fallen blind where Satan leads, Nevertheless we know that Satan can't go a step without the permission of God. We know that God holds him absolutely and that he can not do a thing beyond what God permits for Gods own wise purposes. And we know that in God's own time he will bring an absolute end to the power of Satan. What a wonderful doctrine this is for consolation. For comfort for encouragement, for giving us determination to go forward into a (1½) for him who rules and controls and will in the end accomplish all that he has planned. But now there is the other side of the picture and that is what is brought out in chapter nine. And chapter nine begins with the words, "God hath endued the will of man with that natural liberty, that is neither forced, nor, by an absolute necessity of nature, determined to good or evil." Now when you read on in the other chapters of this, in the other sections of this chapter nine, you get an impression that God is merely speaking here about man before the fall. But I don't think that is a true impression. Section two talks of man before the fall. And section three talks of ~~man~~ after the fall. But if you read the references which are given, the scripture references in support of ~~Chapter~~ <sup>Section</sup> one you will find that section one is not dealing with man simply before the fall. But the section one is giving a general statement of the other side of the picture. God has endued the will of man with that natural liberty that is ~~neither~~ neither forced nor by any absolute necessity of nature determined to good or evil. That is the kind of will that God has given man. God did not make man an atomic. He didn't make him a machine. It would be very easy for God to have done that. He could have made machines. It would