

move exactly as he directed. He would press the button and they would go this way, he would press the button and they would go that way. They would fall absolutely along the line just like the clicking of a machine. But that was not God's purpose at all. God chose to create creatures which had a will. Creatures which had a power of choice. Creatures which may choose to like God. Creatures which might chose to follow Him. Creatures which would have a will which in principle as in natural liberty so there is neither force nor by an absolute necessity of nature be common (4) to good or evil.

And God has so created us that no one of us has any right to say, 'Oh I can't help myself. I was born in iniquity. I can't help myself. I do wickedness. I can't help myself. That is just my nature. It is true. It is your nature to be wicked. But God has given each one of us a power of choice and each one of us of our own choice chooses, time and time and time again to go in the direction that is contrary to God's will. Some verses given here and none of the verses dealing with the situation before the fall. For all of them, verses which are dealing with the situation of man in general. James 1:4 (14) But every man is tempted. The verse before says, Let no man say when he is tempted, of God, He says verse, 14, "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lusts and enticed. Deut. 30:19, 'I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death. blessing and cursing, therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. John 5:40, And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Matt. 17:12--But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Acts 7:51 'Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost as your fathers did so do ye. James 4:7, 'Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.' The Bible does not picture life like a moving picture. You see this moving picture come along in front of you and you see people stand there and their faces look as if they are all excited and with their kind heart to do something, they can't help themselves. They can't help them -