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One thing I like about Calvin particularly is that Calvin always said that when he found something clearly taught in the Bible he would stand upon it as true, and when he would find a second thing clearly taught in the Bible he would stand upon it as true, but when you take these two and from them you infer a third thing, he would mark the inference as only a human inference which may be fallible, may be in error unless he also found clear Biblical teaching about this matter also. But I must say there are very few theologians and very few philosophers that do not take a few points that are definite, and then build a system and fill in everything and think that we have the answer to all the problems of life in relation to their system. And I believe the Lord wants us to avoid that. I believe He wants us to take what is clearly taught in the Bible and to stand upon it and know it is true, but to be very careful that we mark anything that goes beyond what is clearly taught as a guess or an inference or a human idea of a possibility rather than something that we infer and think must be true because it fits into our system. And so we find very clearly taught in the Bible that God controls all things, that God has predetermined all that comes to pass, that God is sovereign of everything. We find that absolutely clearly taught in the Bible, but we find equally clearly taught in the Bible that God is not the author of sin. God is not responsible for sin. It is man's will that has brought sin, not God's will. God is not responsible for sin. And therefore we clearly know that man makes choices and these choices are real. And the result of these choices is something that man is responsible for and God is not responsible for sin. He is not responsible for man's sin or for man's mistakes. Now humanly speaking it is absolutely impossible with the minds that we have, and with the amt. of data that we have to fit these facts together and give a complete explanation of it. It is humanly impossible. And these who try to do so get off to an extreme here or an extreme here which denies matters that are clearly taught in the Scripture. We must take what the Scriptures give and know that it is true. I have at times been associated with people who have spoken in a way that seems to me to represent life as if it were like a moving picture, a moving picture which