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Last weeks Selahgram centered on this thought: “As sensitive as this discussion can be, I do not believe the “God is sovereign” discussion can be complete unless accompanied by recognition of my own degree of responsibility.” (Pt.1 / 7-7-06) (<http://www.worshipers.net/selahgrams.html>)

Uncertainty in this area leads to a significant dilemma. If the life challenge you find yourself facing is God testing you or proving you, the last thing you want to do is resist and rebel. But if the challenge is indeed an attack of our adversary, submitting can have deadly consequence. There certainly will be difficult times when we must trust and yield to God’s plan and walk forward by faith but there are also many times when we must resist and stand firm. The dilemma becomes this: it is impossible to genuinely and steadfastly resist if I’m uncertain whether what I’m facing is an attack or my destiny, evil or good, an assault or God’s sovereign will.

Is God sovereign? Absolutely. David said, “The earth is the LORD's, and the

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fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” Ps.24:1 Jesus in Mt.6 taught us to pray “...thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.” Nevertheless, we as believers have been given mighty stronghold-destroying weapons for a reason. With that provision, comes responsibility. Facing any situation, I must identify whether it is simply the will of a sovereign God or an attack of the devil. If the latter, I am responsible to resist with all my strength and arsenal! To be resigned to indiscriminately accept anything “fate may throw at me” is to ignore both that there is an adversary and that I’ve been issued spiritual weaponry.

Understanding that we have a real enemy, if what you are facing bears the devil’s fingerprints, fight! Jn.10:10 offers a clear distinction between God’s intents and motives and satan’s. When facing a challenge, we can often quickly identify which Jn.10:10 method of operation most closely illustrates that challenge and its result.

The great tragedy occurs when you or I, while having weapons of warfare at our disposal, mistakenly identify the attack of the adversary as the painful will of a sovereign God. Instead of vigilantly mounting an immediate spiritual counter- attack, we submissively swing wide the unguarded door and often yield to a conclusion God never intended us to suffer and that Jesus gave His own blood to protect us from. Selah!

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