

#6 Round Table Discussion

1. What “presupposition” lies behind Asbel Green’s following statement?

There is no such thing under the divine government, or providence, as real chance or accident... This surely is a most cheering doctrine. What could be more gloomy than to believe that our dearest interests, even life itself, might lie at the mercy of blind or misguided chance? On the contrary, how consoling to know that nothing can befall us, nothing injure us, without the direction or permission of our heavenly Father!

Asbel Green

2. David might well say that he never saw “the righteous forsaken, or his children begging for bread.”(Psa. 37:25) Is temporal prosperity conditioned upon the obedience of either individuals or nations? Relative to suffering in general, what do you think is “normative” for the Christian according to the Bible?

3. In The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment Jeremiah Burroughs observes how “a Christian comes to contentment, not so much by way of addition, as by way of subtraction.” What do you think he is talking about?