

*S*OVEREIGNTY, *S*UFFERING,
AND *S*YMPATHY

A Thematic Study in Job

THE SCOPE OF GOD'S PLAN

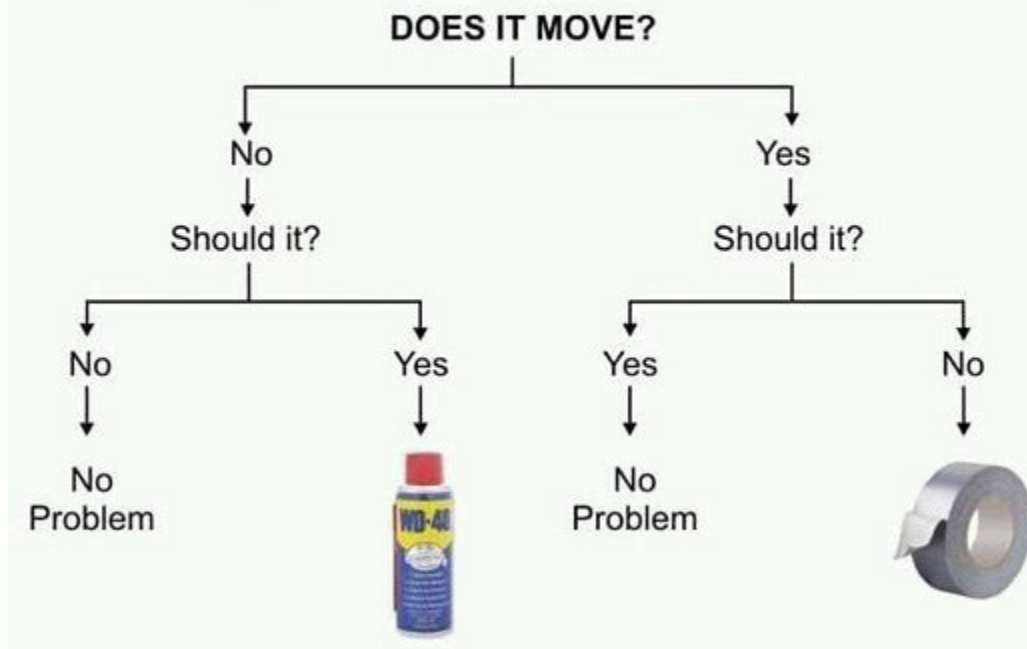
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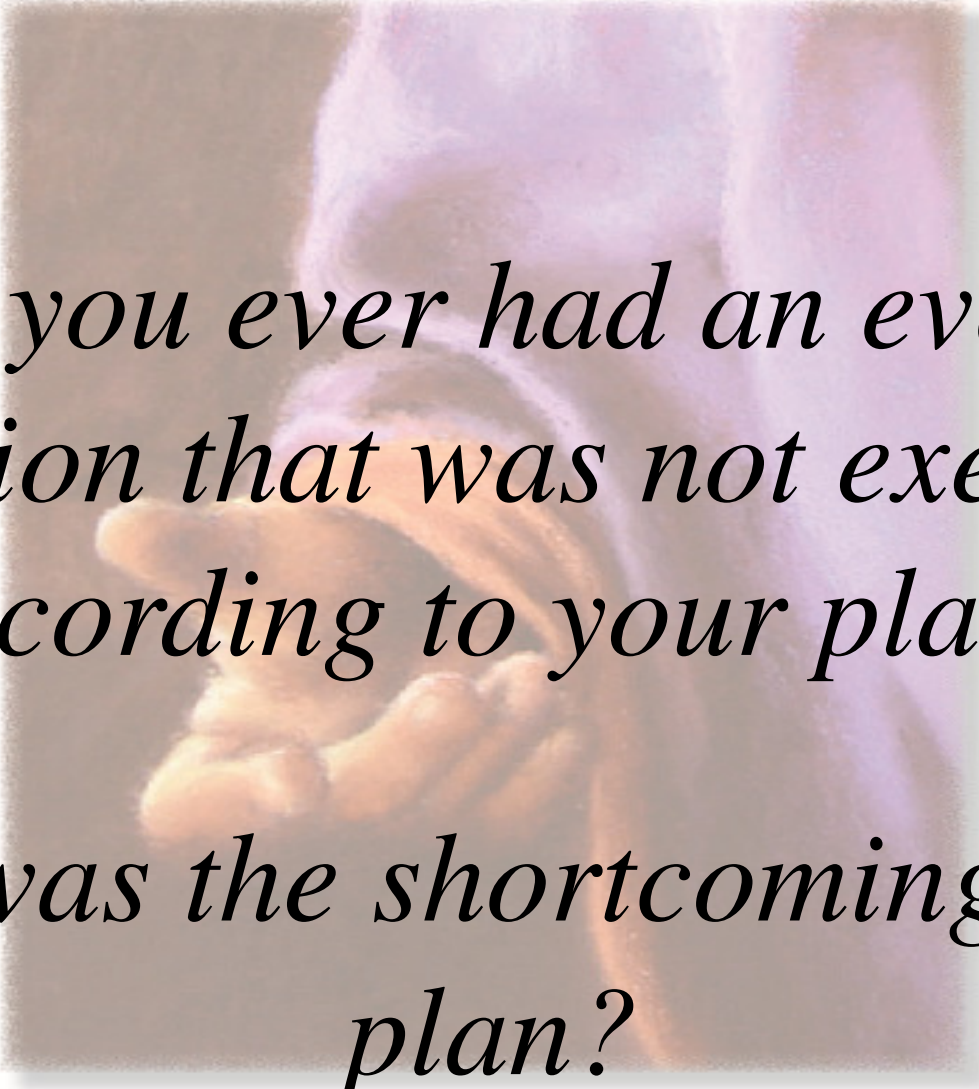
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Review: God's plan is unconditional and certain.

Engineering Flowchart



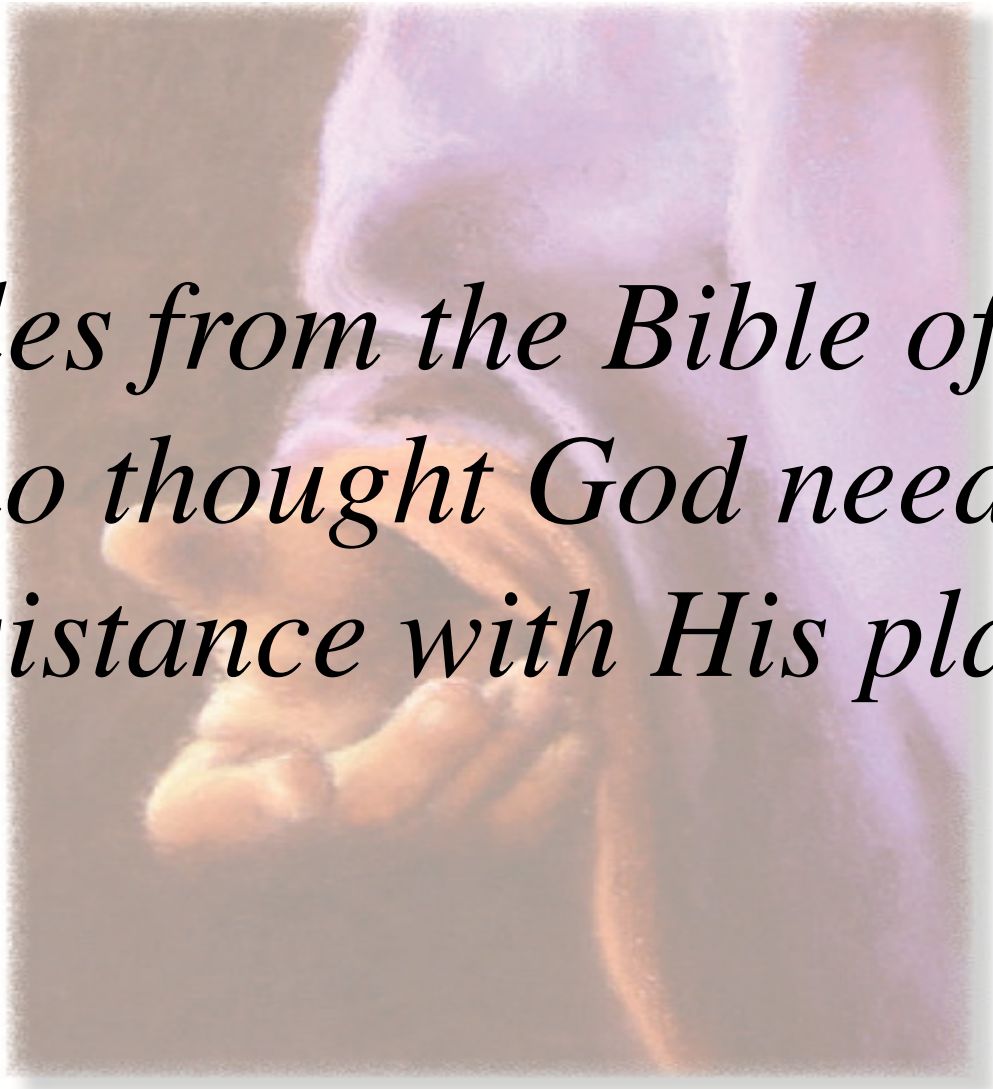
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Have you ever had an event or situation that was not executed according to your plan?

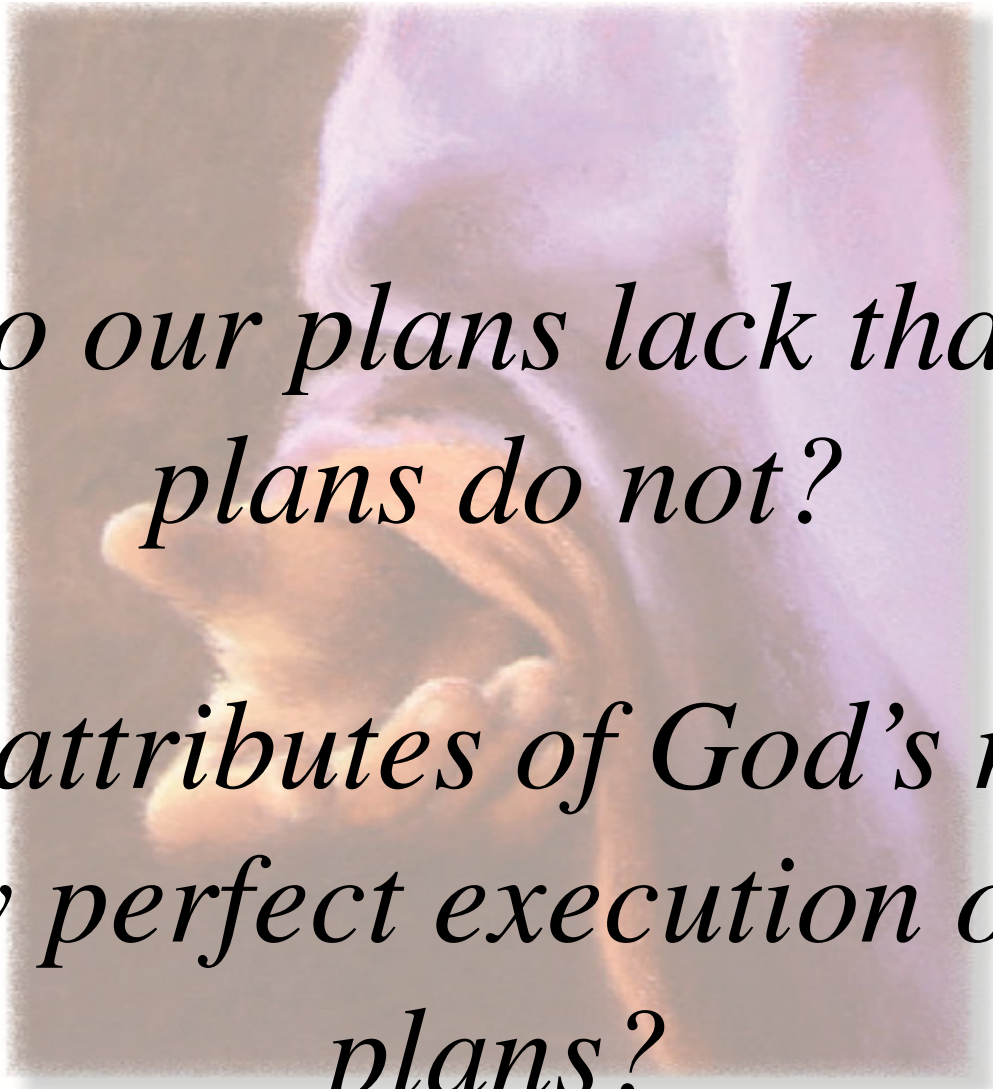
What was the shortcoming of the plan?

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*Examples from the Bible of people
who thought God needed
assistance with His plan?*

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What do our plans lack that God's plans do not?

What attributes of God's nature allow perfect execution of His plans?

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KEY CONCEPTS: IMMUTABILITY

God is immutable; therefore, God's will is immutable

WLC Q.14 *How doth God execute his decrees?*

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence, according to his infallible fore-knowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will.

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SYMPATHY

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“Because the decrees come from within God’s being and are therefore eternal, they are unchangeable.” (Gamble, Whole Counsel of God, 1:644)

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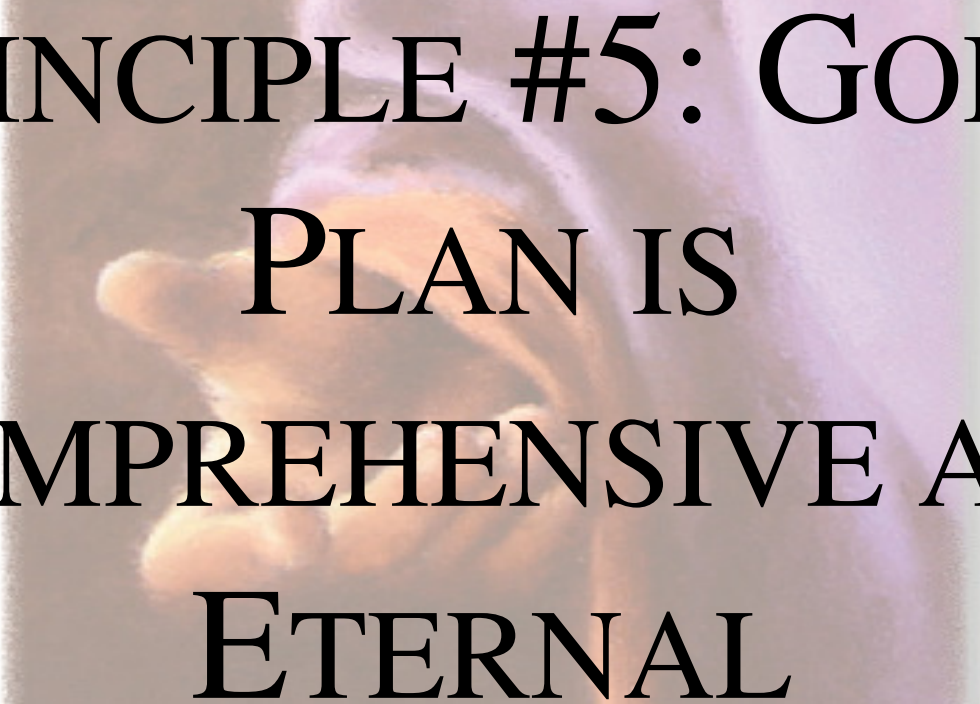
Eternal = infinite with respect to time

The “omni” attributes of God

WSC Q.4 *What is God?*

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

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PRINCIPLE #5: GOD'S
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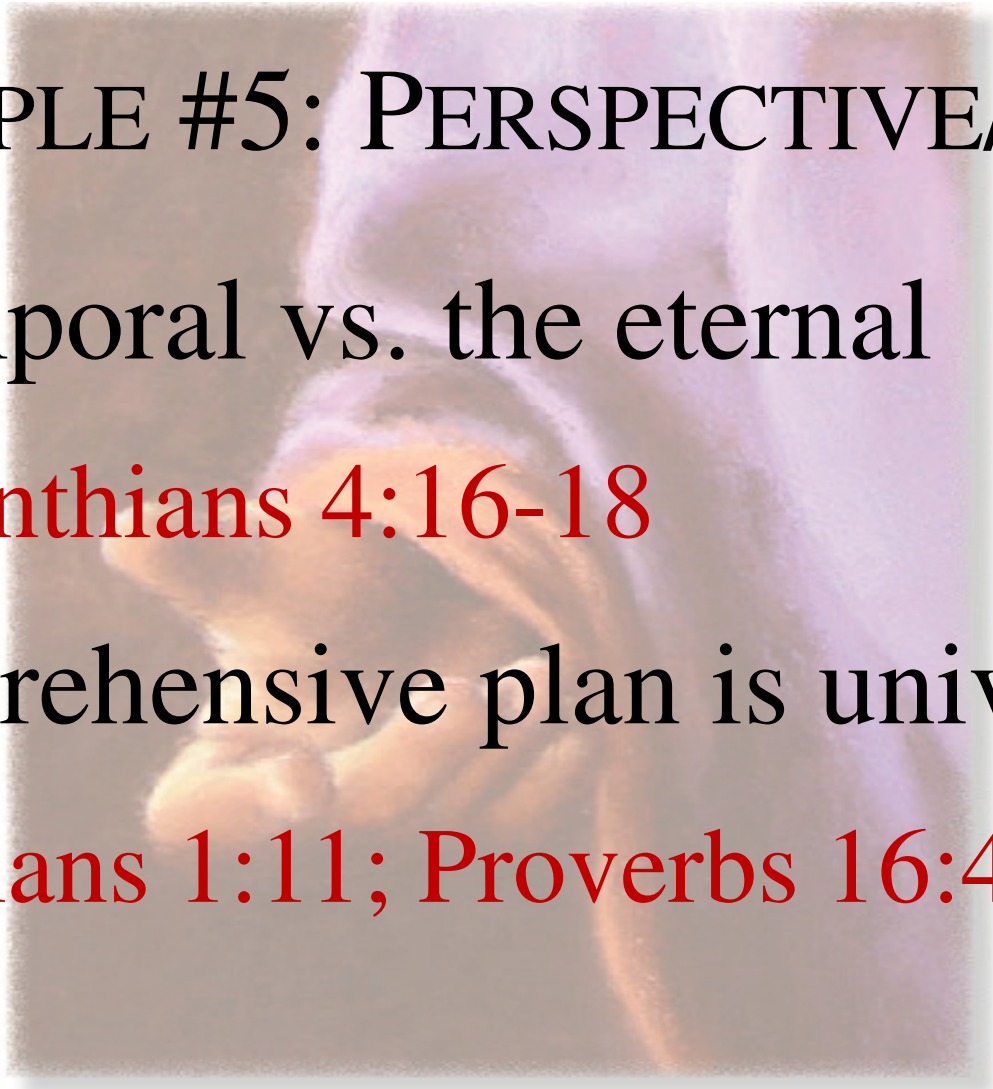
PRINCIPLE #5: PERSPECTIVE/FOCUS

The temporal vs. the eternal

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

A comprehensive plan is universal

Ephesians 1:11; Proverbs 16:4



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PRINCIPLE #5: HOPE

Hope is “confident expectancy...not wishful thinking, but a firm assurance about things that are unseen and still in the future.”

(Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

Romans 8:28

Job 13:15a

An eye toward the Mediator

Job 19:25-29

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PRINCIPLE #5: ATTITUDE

Job answers his friends

Job 12:6; 21:7-9

Job affirms his trust in God's sovereignty

Job 9:5-12; 12:9-25; 19:21b; 31:23

Job's friends go from bad to worse

Job 22:5-10; 8:4

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