- I. God sometimes allows the wicked to prosper.
 - a Sometimes they reach old age
 - b Sometimes they attain great power
 - c Sometimes they are blessed with many children
 - d Sometimes they see no harm come to their property

- e Sometimes they enjoy great economic success.
- f Sometimes their lives are utterly carefree
- g Sometimes they have easy Deaths.

- II. God Allows this, even though they have no regard for Him.
 - a Even though they reject his person.
 - b even though they reject his ways.
 - c even though they reject his worth.
 - d even though they reject communion with him.

- III. God's goodness to the wicked can be a great paradox to us.
 - a Why does he delay his justice?
 - b Why are the wicked spared calamity?
- IV. But God has his purposes for all that he does.
 - a Considered negatively.
 - b Considered positively.