



Editors' note: Thanks to our brother Derek Steen for the fine and thoughtful articles in this weeks bulletin. Thanks to all our brethren for your faithful contributions to the Lord's work. SF

“God is in Control”

Ecclesiastes 11.5; *“Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones are formed in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things.”* (NASB1995)



While I took science classes throughout my education, including an anatomy course in college, I don't know much about science nor do I pretend to. But when you sit and think about it, one of the

great mysteries of life (at least to me) is child birth. Sparing the intimate details, the way God made women (yes, only women) with ability to carry and bring forth human life into this world, while men act as the catalyst. It's simply fascinating, and some want to think the universe and humans were made by random chance.

I know this is a weird introduction to get the heart of this post, but just as there is some mystery to the creating of human life, so there is mystery to the way God works. We as mankind are incapable of knowing the complete activity of God. Isaiah 55.8 says “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord” (NASB1995). While just like a study of anatomy will give us a glimpse into how the body works, the Bible (God's word) gives us a glimpse into God's way and how He works.

I often use the expression, that we want to see behind the curtain, we want to take a peak at the master plan and know how all of this is going to work out, but that is not for us to know. God is in control. As the writer of Ecclesiastes writer says in Ecclesiastes 3.11 “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end” (ESV).

He is the creator of the universe. God is working out His plan as He see fit. We at times may not fully comprehend where the road is leading, but that is okay. Our job is to put our full trust in Him, and know it's all going to work out.



I saw this illustration not to long ago, I'm unsure who said it, or where it originated. "So, you have \$86,400 in your account and someone stole \$10 from you. Would you be upset and throw all of the \$86,390 away in hopes of getting back at the person who took your \$10? Or move on and live? Right, move on and live. See, we have 86,400 seconds in everyday so don't let someone's negative 10 seconds ruin the rest of the 86,390. Don't sweat the small stuff. life is bigger than that."

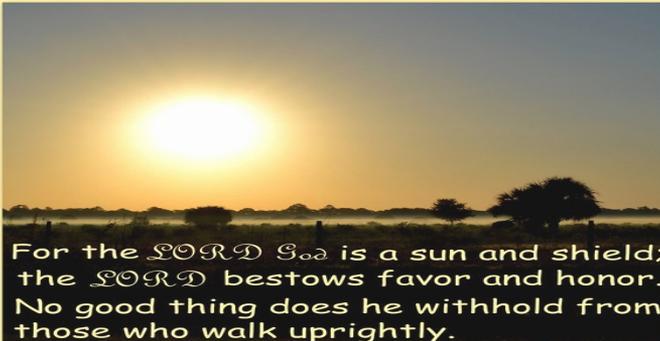
I think having this mind set is a great way to approach each day. To not let minor things ruin our whole day or take away from our happiness.

Think about what Habakkuk said in Habakkuk 3.17-19; "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield



no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places."

We shouldn't let any circumstances, especially ones that are outside of our control determine our joy. We can choose joy. Approach each day with the mindset that no matter what happens we are going to find happiness. Because there are so many things we can find happiness in, to let minor things bring us down.



Psalm 84.11

"He That Walketh Uprightly Walketh Surely:"

His walk may be slow, but it is sure. He that hasteth to be rich shall not be innocent nor sure; but steady perseverance in integrity, if it do not bring riches, will certainly bring peace. In doing that which is just and right we are like one walking upon a rock, for we have confidence that every step we take is upon solid and safe ground. On the other hand, the utmost success through questionable transactions must always be hollow and treacherous, and the man who has gained it must always be afraid that a day of reckoning will come, and then his



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gains will condemn him. The man who may, for a time, seem to advance his selfish ambitions by resort to base slander must inwardly quake when he remembers that truth will one day expose his deceit and villainy.

Let us stick to truth and righteousness. By the grace of God let us imitate our Lord and Master, in whose mouth no deceit was ever found. Let us not be afraid of being poor, nor of being treated with contempt for righteousness' sake. Never, on any account whatever, let us do that which our conscience, in the light of truth, cannot justify. If we lose inward peace, we lose more than fame or fortune can buy. If we keep in the Lord's own way and never sin against truth and conscience, our way is sure against all comers. Who is he that can harm us if we be followers of that which is good? We may be thought fools if we are firm in our integrity, but in the place where judgment is infallible we shall be approved. (Author unknown)

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Continue prayers for those on our list, and for the free course of the gospel.

1 John 5:14

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