

# Bothersome Questions and Answers

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**Q. Has God purposed or decreed all things that have come to pass and all things that ever will come to pass?**

**Answer:** *"But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased" (Ps 115:3).*

*"Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places" (Ps 135:6).*

*"That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things" (Isa 45:6-7).*

*"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure" (Isa 46:9-10).*

*"Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not? Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?" (La 3:37-38).*

"Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?" (**Am 3:6**).

"The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ . . . For to do whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel determined before to be done" (**Ac 4:26,28**).

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (**Eph 1:11**).

"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to Whom be glory for ever. Amen" (**Ro 11:36**).

**Q. Is God's eternal purpose or plan ever thwarted or defeated by any of His creatures? Does God ever fail to achieve anything He determines to do?**

**Answer.** "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as Head above all. Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all" (**1Ch 29:11-12**).

"But He is in one mind, and who can turn Him? and what His soul desireth, even that He doeth" (**Job 23:13**).

"Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: He

*maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations" (Ps 33:8-11).*

*"The LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all" (Ps 103:19).*

*"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps" (Pr 16:9).*

*"There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand" (Pr 19:21).*

*"Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?" (Pr 20:24).*

*"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will" (Pr 21:1).*

*"The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand" . . . "For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" (Isa 14:24,27).*

*"So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa 55:11).*

*"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest Thou?" (Da 4:35).*

"Ah Lord GOD! behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee" (**Jer 32:17**).

"For with God nothing shall be impossible" (**Lu 1:37**).

"Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth He yet find fault? For who hath resisted His will?" (**Ro 9:19**).

**Q. Does the natural man have any desire to seek God or any ability to understand the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?**

**Answer.** "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God" (**Ro 3:11**).

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (**Joh 3:3**).

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (**1Co 2:14**).

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (**2Co 4:3-4**).