

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS
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All Things

*“The Lord hath made **all things** for himself; yea, even the wicked for the day of evil” (Proverbs 16:4).*

How weary one becomes when hearing the religionist of the day attempt a verbal exposition of Biblical subjects via radio and television giving lip service to a sovereign God that can ONLY do so much, but cannot violate the freewill of the human creature.

*The proposed author of the Proverbs, Solomon, wrote what he had been revealed of the almighty character of God by writing, “the Lord hath **made all things for himself;**” he did not make anything for any other than HIMSELF. The God of the Holy Writ is an **unlimited** deity who has even made the wicked for the day of evil. Anyway you try and dissect this scripture passage, it will always mean what it says; **all things**, from the tiniest microbe to the greatest of the beasts of the field were made for God’s divine purpose and glory.*

*“Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that **maketh all things;** that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself” (Isa. 44:24). God has never needed the assistance of any to accomplish his pleasure in his creation of the heaven and earth, and those which inhabit both. From the angelic host that is innumerable to man or the creatures that are earthbound, God alone hath done **all things**. So it is with the kingdom of God’s dear Son on earth and as it is in heaven, God alone is building his church kingdom as it pleases him.*

Man has been chosen to be blessed among the sinful race to experience the mercy of God in the design of this kingdom church here on earth, totally by the grace

and kindness of the Almighty. This beloved church of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ is constructed of lively stones that are fitly joined together making the habitation of God. Man has not made these stones, nor has he moved them into position and caused them to be placed in their designated positions, but God alone is the designer, creator and builder of this lively temple in which He dwells among and in his people.

*“I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace and create evil; I the Lord do **all these things**” (Isa. 45:7). The sovereign of the scriptures (God) forms the light which I often take for granted. What if you woke tomorrow to find TOTAL darkness was upon the earth and the sun had lost its fiery brightness? Do you realize the chaotic effect this would have upon the earth and all mankind? Our God has formed the light and continues to keep its light rays beaming toward earth, that we would be blessed in its divine provision. Therefore, on the other side of the coin, what if the Almighty was to cause the sun to shine its light 24 hours a day? Oh, the divine perfect balance between light and darkness our God has orchestrated in our behalf. Even in the revelation of the truth of the knowledge of God to the elect believer in Christ Jesus, the light of the gospel has He been pleased to have shined within our hearts and illuminated our minds to so great salvation, and further instruct us in the knowledge of his UNLIMITED character and his power to perform **all things**.*

*For if peace is to exist between nations and even among the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, it must be caused by He who alone **makes peace**. While at the same time, if evil is to perform its purpose as determined by the Almighty, it shall be created by God. Evil, calamity, catastrophe, devastation and all that man can define as terrible or bad, God has created it fulfilling his divine determined purpose for **HIS** praise, honor and glory.*

*“**All things** are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save (except) the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him” (Matt. 11:27). **All things** whatsoever God has delivered unto his beloved Son, Jesus. He, in this dispensation of time, has been revealed as the sovereign God of time past; robed in human flesh, born of woman and dwelled among us.*

The revealing of who God is and that Christ the Son alone is the Saviour of sinners is accomplished by the work of Christ’s Spirit within the soul of the lost and unregenerate creature of mankind. It is NOT the persuasion nor efforts of man that brings the sinner to see his lost condition and reveal the crucified Son

to the soul: Oh, beloved, it is the Son himself who shines his love beams into the heart of the darkened dungeon of a sinner's heart and **CAUSES** one to be contrite and broken before the Holy God of glory.

If the SON does not reveal his deity, salvation and the Father, one shall never know nor taste the grace and mercy of our loving Saviour. For salvation is **totally of the Lord**, exempt from any effort of the creature.

“For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are **ALL THINGS**: to whom be glory forever” (Rom. 11:36). For what can man do in this mortal life that is of himself? The self-made man pushes through life to gain all that can be obtained in an attempt to find happiness, peace, joy, and comfort, and yet as Solomon penned, “All is vanity, vanity, vanity, saith the preacher.” Yea, even the unregenerate of this world acquire the dainties of material goods by the sovereign purpose of the Almighty that the treasures of this world would be a curse to those who seek after them. For man has always made unto himself gods, whether it be a material item or another person, even a child.

Here is where I shall conclude for this season of pondering thoughts; may our God be praised for the following:

“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). Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus, we have been predestinated according to God's determined and decreed will into this sweet and delightful inheritance among the beloved in Christ by him that **worketh all things** after the counsel and desire **of His own will.**

It is of God's OWN WILL that one creature out of the multitude of the sinful race of mankind is spared eternal punishment. For **Jesus shall (not try too) save his people from their sins. “For I have come to seek and to save them which are lost.”**

“For ALL THINGS work together for good to them that love the Lord and are the called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

Respectfully submitted,
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