

# *The Gospel Herald*

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

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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## *Mankind’s Performance*

“For He PERFORMETH the thing that is APPOINTED for me”  
Job 23:14

*We who have been revealed the absolute unlimited sovereignty of God as contained within the Holy writ have been accused of making man a mere “puppet” and the actions of man totally passive. I ask the question: Is man walking in his OWN path? Has God only determined the steps of His called children in this time world? How about the non-elect? Are they merely meandering through this worldly realm in sin undirected by the sovereign God of the scriptures?*

*It would be a chaotic catastrophe if God was not orchestrating ALL things, behavior and events that come to pass. How could it be that ONLY the Child of God has a determined path and appointed steps and the balance of creation is just going along in an UNCONTROLLED way?*

*I contend that if God is not in absolute control of ALL THINGS and has not determined the path and events among the realm of mankind, the God of the Bible is frustrated and HE which rules among the angelic host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth is LIMITED!*

*“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the Lord do all these things” (Isa. 45:7). “I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands have stretch forth the heavens, and all their host I have commanded” (Isa. 45:12). “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done (**this is unadulterated predestination at its best**), saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do ALL my pleasure” (Isa. 46:10).*

*As the Almighty has declared that He shall do ALL His PLEASURE, then ALL events in this time world MUST be orchestrated to conform with His divine decreed and ordained purposes. “The King’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will” (Prov. 21:1). Are the kings of the Islamic nations operating*

*their kingdoms outside the divine will of the Almighty? How ridiculous, for they are mere instruments in the hand of the Almighty to fulfill His determined purposes.*

*“Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? Deeper than hell; what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea. If He cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder Him? For He knoweth vain men: He seeth wickedness also; will He not then consider it?  
(Job 1:7-11).*

*The Psalmist David declared, “I will cry unto God most high; unto God that PERFORMETH all things for me” (Psa. 57:2).*

*“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will PERFORM it until the day of Christ” (Phil. 1:6). “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Phil.2:13).*

*Who can hinder Him? Can the ungodly and wicked hinder the sovereign desire of our God? Absolutely not!! His will is being accomplished in ALL things that come to pass whether they appear as good and acceptable in the eyes of man or not. God by his determinate counsel and foreknowledge caused the wicked hands of men to crucify and slay His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON! And if our gracious God had not determined this sacrificial event to occur we would be left hopeless without an Advocate, Mediator, and Intercessor to redeem us from the curse of sin.*

*Oh! Beloved of God, our loving Father wherewith He has loved us, sent His precious Son to pay the ultimate price for helpless and poor sinners. Yes, the Jews and Roman soldiers acted as divinely directed by the sovereign hand of the Almighty by taking the Prince of Peace and King of kings and nailing Him to that TREE for you and me.*

*What can hinder Him from seeking and saving his elect children? He breaks the natural WILL of the creature and brings them into subjection to “look unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith.” Oh! Magnify his glorious name heirs of grace, rejoice, the Lord God rules and reigns, say unto the heathen “the Lord reigneth.”*

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