

The Gospel Herald

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

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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God the Almighty, the First Cause

“Remember this and shew yourselves men: BRING IT AGAIN TO MIND, O ye transgressors. 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. 46:8,9,10). “I bring near my righteousness: it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory” (Isa. 46: 13). “WE love Him, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US” (I John 4:19).

I awoke this morning with “God being the first cause of ALL things on my mind.” And, the aforementioned scriptures came to mind. How wonderful is the revelation of divine origin (lest I be deceived) is the fact that the God of the Holy Scriptures is the FIRST CAUSE of ALL things which come to pass?

I made an attempt to speak this past Lord’s Day on the subject matter of “Christ’s pre-eminence,” the Head of the church and the creator of ALL THINGS, “For by Him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ALL things were created by him, and FOR HIM” (Colossians 1:16).

Now, does the previous verses leave out anything that is experienced, and or observed by mankind? Whether in the natural realm or the spiritual?

No, for a person to think that anything can occur in heaven and or in earth apart from the sovereign divine will of the Almighty God of the Holy Writ causing it to come to pass, is limited in their understanding of the God described in the pages of the Holy Bible. Oh, many shall say, “well, God knows all things by His foreknowledge, therefore foreknows all things which are to come to pass, but to say God determines and decrees ALL THINGS which come to pass is taking it to far”.....OH! is it taking the occurrences

and events which occur in heaven and in earth to far to say God is THE FIRST CAUSE of all things which come to pass?

Let me challenge you dear one's with this question, if God, The I AM of the scriptures who is manifest as the fullness of the Godhead in the God/man Christ Jesus, and the very image of the (previous) invisible God, is not the FIRST CAUSE of ALL THINGS which come to pass, then God must be LIMITED in His divine character and authority, and is really not ALMIGHTY !! Yes, this is the final conclusion one must draw if they believe that God is limited in any aspect of the occurring events in heaven and or upon the earth among it's inhabitants. ALMIGHTY means exactly what it says. To the best of my research of the holy Writ, "ALMIGHTY" is mentioned fifty-seven times in regards to Gods divine authority and sovereign character, from the book of Genesis to the Revelation of Jesus Christ (the last book).

When you study the word of God you will find that the ability to believe upon the person and sacrificial offering of the God/man Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of sinners, you will find that GOD is the FIRST CAUSE of your ability to:

- 1) See yourself as a poor and needy sinner.*
- 2) Be granted the ability to believe that God is who He says He is and the rewarder of them which diligently seek Him.*
- 3) Be given FAITH (fruit of the Spirit of God) to look upon Jesus Christ as the ONLY Saviour of sinners.*
- 4) Be caused and granted repentance as remorse overwhelms the heart by the Spirit of God.*
- 5) Be born again of the Spirit of God apart from any works of the creature to behold Christ as Gods ONLY means of sins forgiven and giver of life eternal.*
- 6) Be made willing, as man's will by nature is bound by depravity through Adam's disobedience. The natural man CANNOT accept, choose, decide nor believe that Christ is the ONLY means of eternal salvation of the soul. "My people shall be WILLING in the day of MY POWER" (Psalm 110:3). Apart from God making the depraved, alienated and sinful creature WILLING by being the FIRST CAUSE by breaking the chains of mans natural will which is bound by sins self centered curse, none shall be able to believe that Christ ALONE can save the poor alien depraved and lost sinner.*

The Salvation of God's people is of GOD, by GOD and with NO assistance of the creature. Salvation of the elect heirs of free and sovereign grace is absolutely an act by God the Almighty alone. "For by grace (unmerited favor) are ye saved through faith; and that (grace and faith) not of yourselves; but the gift of God; Not of works least any man shall boast" (Ephesians 2: 8-9). No man shall boast of salvation's glorious and grand experience upon the heart, mind and soul. For ONLY GOD THE ALMIGHTY manifested in and through the person of His Son, Jesus Christ shall any boast with reverence and Godly fear of the experience of the new birth and the hope of sins forgiven and life everlasting.

As I have asked often, in former writings, what part does the unborn fetus play in the conception and birthing from it's mother's womb? What part does an adopted new born infant play in it's parents decision to choose a particular child to be their own? "Having predestinated us into the ADOPTION of children by Jesus Christ UNTO HIMSELF, (how) according to the good pleasure of His will" (Ephesians 1:5).

I must conclude by asking, by whose will have all things come to pass? Whether in the experience of salvation of the soul of the human creature, or the events which occur in the natural realm upon this round of this domain called earth? If the God of the scriptures "hath declared the end from the beginning, even those things which have not yet occurred," what has been brought to pass apart from the divine sovereign orchestration of our ALMIGHTY GOD? NOTHING!

Respectfully Submitted,

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