



Why Worry; God Is In Control!

Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.

—Proverbs 12:25

Has the fickle economy got you down? Have news events as of late got you feeling low? Perhaps people around you have let you down.

How's your particular situation? Do you feel that God has been asleep at the wheel? Did you have a lot invested? Perhaps the uncertainty of riches have got you basically running scared. The fear of future lack has gripped the hearts of many people these days. Some are worried, wondering if their employer would actually lay them off; pulling the plug on their personal income ..possibly in preparation for the higher taxes they will have to pay.

Do you suffer because of real anxiety or because of true piety? Some worriers worry about almost anything, building *"huge mountains out of small mole hills,"* as looming insignificant matters get hyper-zoomed-in upon and focused on. These piddily little things assume gargantuan importance in their lives, beyond what God would have. In fact, anxious folk have learned to enjoy this twisted art form of worrying about imagined weather problems, election results, shortcomings, the future, their health, their work and their families. And they are often unable to pinpoint the reasons for their anxieties and fears. Will God's prophecies not be fulfilled in His timing?

It's sad that so many anxious Americans suffer physical difficulties such as nervousness, sleeplessness, headaches, difficulty in breathing normal, or excessive sweating ..and sometimes turn to illicit drug use to find temporary comfort (a short-lived solace that only creates more things to worry about—serious problems). Inability to find healthy relief from such anxiety can certainly lead to more serious consequences, such as a "nervous breakdown." You don't need that!

And listen, if we don't feel some level of sympathy for these people ..enough to pray for them, then something is indeed wrong with our own spiritual condition and thinking as well. You and I might not be doctors, but as we listen up and pray for them, God could use us to help them discover the root reasons for their plaguing anxieties. That would be a step in the right direction and that's what the best type of fishing is all about!

Jesus warned us of a time when people hearts would be ***"failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth"*** (Lk. 21:26). Hey, watching a collapsing economy makes even strong people nervous, but would it even enter their minds that it's a good time to go get right with the Lord in a sound Bible teaching church? Maybe not. It should. Please remind yourself of Jesus command to, ***"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"*** (Phil. 4:6-7, nkjv). Yes, God says, ***"Be strong and of a good***

courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee” (Deu 31:6, kjv).

Worry is a squandering of precious minutes and the limited days that people have before them. Don't worry—trust in Jesus! Just get your nose in the Bible and convert all your anxieties and fears into believing prayer God-ward in Jesus' mighty Name! It's time for positive acts of faith—it's time to properly address what you are feeling inside. God does want to hear all about it. Really.. time in prayer is no misspent time! Just remember that the address on your candid knee-mail is slightly important ..UH YEAH!

Too many people vainly pray to other gods that aren't near able to accomplish a thing. Please pray to the one living God and then expect Him to act on your behalf! He's

still in control of His universe and He answers every prayer (with: yes, no, or wait). Father knows best! We're realists here—yup, we won't deny the fact that the economy is whack, but what good will any amount of worrying do us? People who fear the Lord; ***“do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them”*** (Ps. 112:7). The Lord says...

An Average Person's Anxiety Is Focused:

40% — on things that will never happen

30% — on things about their past that can't even be changed

12% — on things about criticism by others, that are mostly untrue

10% — on health issues, which will get worse with stress

08% — on real problems that will be faced (Source Unknown).

Fear not, for I am with you. —Isaiah 43:5

I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill people and then throw them into hell. —Luke 12:5

Instead of worrying, try getting some rest. Troubles often look smaller when you've gotten some sleep. Try to distinguish between those parts of life that you can control and those you can not. Doin' your best, commit the rest. Check your short-term and long term goals—are you worrying about unrealistic ambitions, or your own timetables? Depend on God! The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of all anxiety. Did you ever read about, George Muller Massena? He was one of Napoleon's fighting generals, who suddenly appeared with 18,000 soldiers before an Austrian town which had no means of defending itself. The town council there met together and they were certain that capitulation was their only solution. But the old dean of the church reminded that council that it was Easter day, and he begged them to hold services as they usually did and to leave all the trouble in God's hands. They actually followed his advice too. The dean went to the church and started ringing the bells to announce the service. Guess what! When Massena's French soldiers heard those church bells ringing they concluded that the Austrian army had come to the town's rescue. They got scared, broke camp immediately, and before the bells had ceased ringing, they vanished over the hills. Does it seem like an evil army has moved against you today?

Christian fret not—God loves you (Jn. 13:1)!

Christian fret not—God holds you (Ps. 139:10)!

Christian fret not—God keeps you (Ps. 121:5)!

Non-Christian, dear religious person; [become a true believer today!](#)

Believer, bear not your yesterdays into tomorrow, load not this week up with last week's load of moaning and sorrow. Why borrow when God will provide the grace you'll need? Address your burdens as they arrive by God's wisdom; don't try to run and hide from them! Simply abide in Christ instead of being weighed down.. bogged down.. stopped in the present time cause of the by-and-by. Take one step of obedience forward and then take another. Take His Way rather than your own and live enthusiastically day by day!

Mankind has always been beset by worry, and the pressures of modern life have aggravated the problem.... Many of you are filled with a thousand anxieties. Bring them to Jesus Christ by faith.... I am learning in my own life, day by day, to keep my mind centered on Christ; the worries and anxieties and concerns of the world pass, and nothing but 'perfect peace' is left in the human heart. —Billy Graham

Worry is fear's extravagance! You know that it extracts heavy interest on trouble before it comes due. It constantly drains away the energy that God gives us to face the problems now before us. It steals away the grace to fulfill our many

responsibilities. It is therefore a sinful waste—it's wrong! A woman who had lived long enough to have learned some important truths about life once remarked, *"I've wallowed in a whole lot of trouble—most of which never happened!"* She had worried about many things that were supposed to come to her ..that had never even occurred, and had come to see the total futility of her anxieties. Listen if you're too busy for Jesus, His peace and joy will flee from you.

Be still, my child, and know that I am God! Wait thou patiently—I know the path you trod. So falter not, nor fear, nor think to run and hide, for I, thy hope and strength, am waiting by thy side. —Hein

Make haste to help me, O Lord! —Psalm 70:1

Worry pulls tomorrow's cloud over today's sunshine. —Chuck Swindoll

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow. —Swedish Proverb

Christian, never forget the words of Jesus who told His disciples, ***"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life"*** (Lk. 12:22). In fact, the Bible commands us, ***"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes"*** (Ps. 37:7).

Jesus also told His disciples, ***"Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you? You have so little faith! So don't worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. Why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things? Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. So don't worry about tomorrow"*** (Matt. 6:28-34, nlt). So what will it be? Will you prioritize living full-on for Him? Will you strive and connive or trust and obey Him. Will you follow Jesus closely ..even when that might appear foolhardy?

Hey, don't get me wrong. It is good for us Christians to plan for the future and work hard, but if we are instead voluntarily burning the midnight oil repeatedly enjoying deep depression sessions or pity

parties ..many future woes will be brought on by self—our own fault. Or if trusting in the uncertainty of riches is “your thang,” that also will bring you loads of trouble. The Apostle Paul said, ***“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not... to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy”*** (1 Tim. 6:17). That’s indeed a good verse for this season of American life. Meditate on that verse awhile!

Typically, we Americans think of poverty as uncertain and we often think of riches as secure and “certain.” And it’s true that poverty is uncertain—poverty sadly creates a condition where there is indeed some uncertainty added in. But think about this for a moment.. so are riches uncertain. Wealth, stocks and riches that are invested during this present age cannot be anything but uncertain. It is the nature of stock values to go up, then down, then up, then wherever. And the more riches you have, the more of this endless uncertainty you will also have (that is, it will go on until you as a person reach room temperature). As long as you’re sucking air, Christ will be there for you to firmly grab hold of for security. Big banks fail; small banks fail, nations rise up in strength and then crumble into nothing. Wars flair up and fade off into history. But the Word of the Lord remains firmly stable and will outlast them all! **YOU WERE DESIGNED TO HOPE IN AND WORSHIP THE LORD!**

When our problems overwhelm us, God wants us to look to Him; He provides the right solutions—lighting paths that once were dim. —Sper

Let us give up our work, our plans, ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, our influence, our all, right into [God's] hand; and then, when we have given all over to Him, there will be nothing left for us to be troubled about. —Hudson Taylor

Things might not look good in the world around you, but the Bible promises us, ***“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness”*** (Lam. 3:22-23). Praying for and giving thanks for our top governmental leaders can be very challenging when they think evil, act evil, and are evil inside. Check out Paul’s words to Timothy many years ago when very wicked men ruled ..that urge, ***“supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”*** (1 Tim. 2:1-4). Last night I was watching on the news as the police were restraining hundreds of gay rioters trying to attack Christians who were merely out street witnessing in love and I felt grateful for our police. Man, we all should give thanks for rulers too, because “non-rule” would indeed unleash on us utterly unbridled evil with no recourse whatever. We think it’s unbridled now, but it potentially could get or be a lot worse out there. Calvin addressed Paul’s words saying, ***“All the magistrates of that time were sworn enemies of Christ.”*** And that reveals to us that total anarchy is a very atrocious alternative to what comes from almost any lost or saved ruler. Instead of worrying, we should all pray and give thanks for our rulers because “non-rule” would unleash on us utterly unbridled evil with absolutely no recourse whatsoever. Calvin declared, ***“Unless they restrained the boldness of wicked men, the whole world would be full of robberies and murders.”***

Kirk Cameron accurately said on November 18, ‘08 that 84 percent of Americans profess to be Christians and we all know they all are not—he knows that we are really a minority in America. And sure we’d all prefer to have godly born again presidents, magistrates, chancellors, governors, prime ministers.. for a nation to live in where it’s more advantageous for the spreading of the Gospel. But let’s face it, man is not basically good in any nation; his heart is wicked and needs a radical transformation. Listen, the better we understand how the seething dark evil of the human

heart is ..that is ready to break out at any moment where there is no restraint.. the more grateful we'll feel for even our *off-in-left-field* leaders and governments even during hard economic times! So what can we witnesses for Christ now recognize? John Piper says:

- 1. During an economic downturn we are more dependent on God. That is the most fertile soil for creating missionaries.*
- 2. During an economic downturn unreached people around the world do not expect you to come, but to look out for yourself. So they may more likely see your risk as love rather than exploitation.*
- 3. During an economic downturn those who need Christ around the world may be less secure in earthly things and more ready to hear about eternal life.*
- 4. During an economic downturn people at home may be wakened to the brevity of life and the fragility of material things, and so may become more generous not less. And when they give under these circumstances, it will make Christ look all the more like the all-satisfying Treasure that he is.*

What can we do that will make a difference? Rather than worrying or acting foolishly, I say we...

- 1. Maintain a right spirit with pure motives inside; earnestly praying for our brothers and sisters in the Lord along with intercession for the souls of unbelievers around us.*
- 2. Shine the light of Christ out more and boldly tell them the Gospel giving them a chance to respond right there on the spot!*
- 3. Diligently teach truth in a simple, applicable, and relevant way—explaining, warning and clearly instructing people through all the counsels of God from every chapter of the entire Bible (feeding rather than fleecing His flock).*
- 4. Be spiritual, often enjoying casual conversational communion in a close walk with Jesus Christ.. carefully listening to His Words of life.*
- 5. Discover how to be gracious, salty, generous and practical as we selflessly serve others, even at church.*
- 6. Practice working hard and smart with a good attitude to “be” a good witnesses where we each are employed.. or are out laboring in love on short-term (or long-term) missions trips.*
- 7. Get out of debt and wisely plan for the future so we can give to people (more than just money).*
- 8. Learn to be frugal and thrifty instead of being some covetous spendthrift getting into more high interest debt (following after the illusive “American dream”).*
- 9. Learn to heartily give thanks and praise to God and also express genuine gratitude to others.*

Why waste your moments striving in the flesh to get rich: to get famous, to get pleasure, to get a position of power or recognition! As the birth pangs on earth begin, why horde or fade off into your shell all fearful. Don't burn up your time in worrying about what you don't have or what could be taken away! In trusting Jesus, we Christians find victory, with confidence we obey Him, and in faith we keep on sowing wisely to the Spirit! Why? Because we trust Him—the One who is in control. We are so grateful for abundant life and our caring Shepherd!

Please do not desire to be rich on earth; lay up your treasures in heaven. Why allow avarice, materialism and striving to bum you out inside or kill you? In a perplexing world like ours many might follow your bad example and perish with you. Listen to the potent words of Paul:

“There is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.

It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs” (1Tim. 6:6-10).

We need to listen to what Job knew about God and declared, ***“I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you”*** (Job 42:2). Yes, God does all things much better than any man ...except blundering. He says, ***“My thoughts are completely different from yours,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts”*** (Isa. 55:8-9).

Understanding God's sovereignty makes a person passionate for Christ and biblical evangelism! Many Christians feel like, hey, if God is in control why should I pray or tell people the truth for the purpose of winning them to righteousness?

What is antinomy here? It's a contradiction between two apparently equally valid principles or between inferences correctly drawn from such principles. If you don't believe that God is in total control of His universe your prayers are futile, and if you don't believe people are responsible for all their actions, attitudes and beliefs, it follows that we all should just converge into a common destiny. God is indeed sovereign and every human will have to give an account before Him. Christians will give an account in regards to personal evangelism (the proclamation of the Gospel Message—the good news of Jesus Christ), as an activity for which each believer is responsible, and the gift of salvation (or gift of faith), as an activity that belongs to God.

Bad things happen, but God is great, good, true, loving—He works in me both to will and to do of His good pleasure. He is everywhere present, all powerful, all knowing and holy and as I wholly pursue knowing this Jesus, I too become holy. I become a light to those lost in the dark. Worry only distracts us. Jesus said ***“I have other sheep that are not of this fold”*** (Jn. 10:16). Christ has people for us to win—people in this world besides those already converted. There will always be people who argue that the doctrine of God's sovereignty over the will of man makes local evangelism and foreign missions unnecessary. They say if God chooses His sheep before they believe, why evangelize the lost here in Dallas? But the fact is, the sovereignty of God over the wills of men does not make evangelism unnecessary; it makes it hopeful.

Our unchanging God was pleased to rescue people from hell fire—still is, ***“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”*** (Lk. 19:10). The recognition of God's sovereignty makes us more than concerned for the lost (it makes us proactive too), rather than passive with an *I-could-give-a-flip* attitude. It makes us live zealous, enthusiastic, fresh, selfless and worry free! Listen, God really is in control. He does whatever He pleases and His ways are so much higher than ours! The Word says, ***“For our God is in the heavens, and He does as He wishes”*** (Ps. 115:3, nlt). Another rendering goes, ***“He does all that He pleases”*** (esv). And He is pleased to use us. I wish you could ask Joseph 'bout God's sovereignty as he sought to save hungry people.

Listen, if you can get a grasp on this concept, you'll never complain again! All doubt will fly out the window! Understanding God's sovereignty was the secret of Billy Graham's fruitful evangelistic ministry said Cliff Barrows recently (on BG's 90th birthday - November 7th, '08).

A.) God is sovereign over Satan's delegated world-rule and even over elections. Are the results of such voting in nations always the best for a people? No. British historian Alfred Toynbee said it's doubtful that the majority has ever been right. God knows why.

B.) God is sovereign over Satan's dirty hand in persecution. He makes it backfire in the devil's face for the furtherance of His Gospel Message. Paul persecuted Stephen but later suffered persecution as a Christian and he said, ***"But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the Gospel"*** (Phl 1:12).

C.) God is sovereign when sinners die and when saints fall asleep. He's knows when it will happen and we do not. James 4:13-16 says: ***"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit'—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that. As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil."***

D.) No worries, 'cause God is sovereign over all natural disasters. You know that we're livin' in a sin-cursed world with fallen humans and God sometimes allows bad things to happen on earth to get our attention. He has a purpose in all this. Remember how Elihu helped Job think about God's mercy in Job 37:10-14. He said: ***"By the breath of God ..ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast. He loads the thick cloud with moisture; the clouds scatter His lightning. They turn around and around by His guidance, to accomplish all that He commands them on the face of the habitable world. Whether for correction or for His land or for love, He causes it to happen. Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God."***

But Job was so right on ..to praise the Lord saying, ***"The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."*** So was Isaac Watts when he sung, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God!"

"There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne."

E.) Why be anxious.. when you know that God is sovereign over Satan and all demons! They had a beginning and were created as mere angels by God, but God was not. Herr Martin Luther in Germany hit the nail on the head when he said:

***And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed..
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him,
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure.
One little word will fell him.***

F.) God is sovereign over Satan's evil sickness-causing involvement in people's lives.

Sometimes He allows bad things in the life of decent people and we don't always know why. But in Acts 10:38 the Bible tells us that kindhearted Jesus, ***"went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."*** God is of course sovereign is over all sickness and disease and He weeps with those who weep. God's sovereignty was experienced firsthand by Naaman the leper (see 2 Kings 5), as the Lord worked to lead this gentile leader to Himself. Of course, many leaders could opt to stay proud and harden their hearts—they could be closed-minded in unbelief and fail to properly respond to God's grace, but even then God will rule and He will use them for His own purposes just like He did with the hard-hearted Pharaoh. The Word says, ***"Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; though they join forces, none will go unpunished."*** (Prov. 16:5).

G.) God is also sovereign over what comes from animals and plants. Elisha didn't worry about his baldness just because some foolish young people came out from the city to mock him. He wasn't vengeful or vindictive at all. And it wasn't his judgment or problem when ***"Two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths"*** (2 Ki. 2:24, nkjv).

H.) God is sovereign over Satan's temptations that are carefully crafted to entice us into sinning. Much of our suffering comes from where? It comes at us from our own weak reasoning ability—from our sinful choices. It should be so easy for us to see it isn't ever worth it! Your fleshly nature and this world system are also enemies working against you. It also comes from the sins of others that are committed against us ..or from our own dabbling with compromising ideas of folly and making provision for the flesh to obey its lust. Yes, there's a reason why Satan is called ***"the tempter"*** (in Matt. 4:3 and 1 Thess. 3:5), but you are to be a resister and flee all youthful lusts.

I.) Our God is sovereign over Satan's mind-blinding power. He can make the scales fall from our eyes, so why be uptight and stay in your sins? You know how the worst suffering of all is the everlasting suffering of Hell. Satan, will one day experience that intense suffering. Revelation 20:10 says, ***"The devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."*** Satan's resolve and aim is to take as many people there with him as he can deceive. Many let him. He has to keep them blind to the real Gospel of Jesus Christ, for the Gospel ***"is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes"*** (Rom. 1:16).

K.) God is sovereign over Satan's spiritual bondage. It's true! Are you bound by some destructive habit or vice? The Jesus of the Bible has the power to break all bondages away [right now!](#) Mr. Lu Cifer enslaves people in two ways. 1.) With misery and suffering by making people believe there is no good God that's worth trusting in, and 2.) With pleasure and prosperity, making people think that they have all their needs met in the world and that God is totally irrelevant. The affluence of so many in the Western world is literally hindering them as they see no need God. But to be set free from bondage you must come on God's terms. You must humble yourself, confess, repent (turn from a life of sinning), and believe in Jesus as your Savior. He's the only way for you! We must forsake all our sins allowing Christ to then lead us as Lord in every area.

The evil and sufferings of this whacked world are greater than any of us can comprehend. But evil and suffering are not ultimate ..or any grounds for fretting. God is ultimate! Satan, the great lover of evil and suffering, is far from sovereign. You're not to view yourself as sovereign either (no matter how many word-faith preachers tell you that you are, or what to confess). The Lord is.

Therefore, ***"if God is for us, who can be against us? ...Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger,***

or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Rom. 8:31-37).

Christian, you're not to be surprised or troubled by God's sovereignty, nor when riches prove to be as uncertain as water running through your fingers. The Bible has always said they are uncertain. Our hope is in a gracious God who literally holds all things together and who richly provides us with everything that we need to enjoy and use for His glory. So, what will it be for you? Uncertainty in the world with all the stress, anxiety, and worry ..versus having a living hope, contentment and enjoyment in the Lord? [Choose Christ today!](#) May the Church rise above the circumstances of life by faith! May all of us be red-hot ..on-fire spiritually for Jesus alone—living proof of a living hope in God during these days of real perplexity and economic testing.

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More Verses To Meditate Upon:

"I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Ps. 34:4).

"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God" (Ps. 42:5, niv).

"But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself" (Matt. 6:33-34, niv).

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7, niv).

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Pet. 5:7).

"Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved" (Ps. 55:22, nkjv).

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28, nasb).

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13, nkjv).

"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19, nlt).

"He does according to His will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay His hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?'" (Dan. 4:35).

God declares ***"the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose'" (Isa. 46:10).***

"Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come?" (Lam. 3:37-38; see Amos 3:6).

“Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.” (Prov. 19:21 and 16:9).

“The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.” (Prov. 16:33).