

God Is Behind Every Move

Romans 8:28-30, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

God has a time and a reason for that time to fulfill all His work. God knows just exactly what He's going to do. We don't. We just have to receive It as He gives It to us. But He knows, and there's nothing going to go wrong with what **He's planned to do.** It's all has to come about. **There have to be sometimes rugged and hard things to only bring out the real true nature of the object** (*II Cor. 5:7-15*).

You know, rain is born in a jagged, ragged, lightning strowed, thundering skies. And **if we didn't have rain, we wouldn't live.** But you see what it takes to bring rain? Thunder, lightning, flashing, anger; and out of there comes rain.

A seed must die, rot, corrupt, smell, and go back to the dust of the earth in order to bring forth new life.

It takes the pounding of gold, turned over and over, back and forth, and pounded until all the dross is taken out of it. Not because it shines, 'cause iron pyrite, what is known as fool's gold, shines like real gold; but you put the two together... You set them out to one side, you can hardly tell them apart; but put them together, you can tell it. **And the beater always has to beat till he sees his own image reflecting in the gold** (*I Peter 1:6-7*).

And God sets a time and has a purpose for everything that He does. There nothing happens just accidentally to those who love the Lord and are called according to His calling. See, we are predestinated (*Eph. 1:3-6*). **And everything works just right for that;** because He cannot lie, and He said that was so, **that everything has its time, its season, and it has its way; and God is behind every move** (*Psalms 135:6*). And sometimes you think that everything's going wrong. It's up to us. Those things are put upon us, trials and wonderings; **it's testing to see how we will react on an action** (*I Peter 4:12-16*). [1]

This church was put here for a purpose. **There is a spirit behind this church.** Certainly. Spirit behind your home, behind every building. **Behind everything there is a spirit, motive, and objective.** This church comes here to greatly exalt some human system or something, then its motives are not

right; but if it's put here **to try to achieve something for the Kingdom of God, then the motive and objective, both, is right**, if the motives are directed that way.

There is a portion of Word laid for every age. And there are some anointing comes down, that projects that portion of Word for that age. And you see where we're at today. Read what we're supposed to be doing, then you'll know how far we are. **I only see one thing left, the Coming of the Lord Jesus, at any time, a Rapture for the Church, and we're to meet Him in the air.** Now these things have got to come to pass in this day, just as He promised that He would do it. [2]

Yes, I believe the Word of God teaches healing for the body and soul. Not only that, but God confirms the Word with signs and wonders following. I will admit that **God permits Satan sometimes to chastise us** (*Heb. 12:5-11*); **that's true. But when that chastisement is through, you come back to God, God your Father will heal you.** And that's right. [3]

The Christian experience is based solemnly and wholly upon rest. (*Heb. 4:1-3*). **"Come unto Me all ye that labor and heavy laden, I'll give you rest."** (*Matt. 11:25-30*). We're tossed about with everything until you come to Christ, **then it's all finished. Resting in Christ, perfectly.** No matter what comes or goes, **nothing can touch us without it comes over the Shepherd. He has to permit it.**

The Bible said, *"All things work together for good to them that love the Lord."* Has to come over Shepherd first. Said, "I'm the door" (*John 10:1-5*). "No man can come in without me accepting it" (*John 6:44*). **Let me tell you that when God permits anything, it's working to your good.** So would sickness be the same thing? Certainly, that God might heal you to show a great testimony, **give you a little something to move on for.** *"All things work together for good"* (*Romans 8:28-30*). [4]

Nothing can harm you, nothing can come to you unless God permits it. [5]

God, when God comes into a person, or to persons, into a congregation, into a man or a woman, **He vindicates His Presence. God proves that He's there.** Why, when God comes, supernatural signs begin to appear. **This person becomes a changed person.** They're not no more like they used to be. **Sin has vanished from their life.** Fear and doubt has vanished, flusteration. They're solid, stable; live or die, it's Christ (*Rom. 14:8*). **They don't care what comes or what goes; nothing shakes them. They move forward.** [6]

It's those crucial hours that press us on to those sacred sands. It was in the Bible. And remember, **no matter how great the distress is, Satan cannot take your life until God has finished with you. There is nothing can happen to you unless God permits it. There is no evil can come unless God permits it.** And it's for your good He's working that.

Let's think, there when the floods came to destroy the world, it could not destroy Noah. Noah could not be destroyed, because that God had a work for him to do. [7]

Now, this blind man was setting there, and Jesus and His disciples come by, and I think Jesus gave them a little lesson here. When they seen this poor, blind man, they thought, "Well, now surely, there's a sin behind that somewhere." **When we see something happen to a man, we always say, "Well, he sinned; he got out of the will of the Lord somewhere."** When Brother Crase hit the post, he got out of the will of the Lord somewhere in somebody's idea. When the gun blowed up on me, "Well, he was out of the will of the Lord." Brother Neville hit the car, "He was out of the will of the Lord." That's not exactly right. No, sir, it isn't. **God permits those things** (*Proverbs 16:4*). [8]

But sometime God has to put affliction on us to let us know that He's still the Ruler of our life. And we're only here because He permits us to be here, and it's His grace that we are here. **And we must serve Him** (*Joshua 24:15*). [9]

And in the orient, how they take care of their sheep, the shepherd brings them in at night, and he counts them every one to see if every one is in. If there's one missing, he will not lay down until he goes out into the deserts, or wherever he's herded all day long, and he will find that sheep, lay it over his shoulders, bring it in. Then when all is in the fold, then the shepherd lays himself down at the gap. **He is the door to the sheepfold** (*John 10:1-10*). There's no other way; it's a corral, got a top over it. **And nothing can come in to those sheep until it crosses the shepherd.**

And what a relief, what a lovely thing to know, that when we are tucked into His blessed keeping, **He becomes the Door, and there's nothing could happen to you. No matter what it is, it'll all have to come by the Shepherd. If it's sickness, it might be for your correction. It might be for a testimony against the enemy. It might be for the exaltation of Christ's Name. But nothing can come to you except He permits it to come.** He's the Door to the sheepfold.

All that ever comes to Him trying to get you, try to take you out of His fold, is robbers, evil ones... but they cannot get you. **Nothing can bother you if you are in God's sheepfold. For He is the Door Himself,** and there's no other way. **Everything has to be permitted by Him** (*II Cor. 4:15*). [10]

Nothing's going to bother them little ones. She's going to see to it. Nothing's going to bother you. Don't be scared to take God at His Word. **Just relax and have faith and believe.** He's watching over you. He will disintegrate anything that tries to bother you. Oh, it might attack at you. **But it can't harm you.**

For all things, He permits it. It couldn't be nothing else, for it's working together for good to them that love the Lord. No harm could come to you. [11]

God brings tensions into the church, "For every son that cometh to God must be tried, and proven, and tested (*Heb. 12:4-11*). He lets sickness strike you. **He lets diseases come on you to test you and to prove you, to show the world that you're truly the seed of Abraham. He permits it by His own will. He permits disasters; He permits the friends to turn against you. He permits all these things, and turns the devil loose to tempt you, and he'll do all but take your life.** He could throw you on a bed of affliction; he could turn your neighbors against you; he could turn the church against you; he can do most anything, and it's God's will for him to do it. We are taught that it is more precious than gold to us (*I Peter 1:3-9*). [12]

Sometimes you say, "Why do I get sick?" **It may be for His glory.**

One time when they were passing a blind man, the disciples said, "Who sinned, this man or his parents?" (*John 9:1-41*). And Jesus said, "In this case neither sinned, he nor his parents, **but that the works of God might be made manifest.**" [10]

Isn't it strange how God lets His children get right down to that last moment? Oh, **sometimes He permits that to see your reactions.** The Bible said, "If we cannot stand the chastisement of God, then we are illegitimate and not the children of God." We're borned of the Spirit of God. Our faith in God holds on His Word, sets to His Word, and there it holds. [13]

And when somebody begins to make fun of you, say, "She is old fashion. Look at him, he's... Oh, I'll tell you, he used to be..." **All right, just remember, it's growing pains.** That's that persecution is good for you. It's growing pains.

Oh, yes, He permits crosses and crossroads and junctions. He always does that, in order to perfect us for His service. He permits those things to happen. Can't you understand that? **He does that so He can perfect you for the calling He has called you for. That's your growing pains.** He did Daniel that way, you know.

He did the Hebrew children, in the fiery furnace (*Daniel 3*). What did the fiery furnace do? The fiery furnace only broke the bands that had them bound. That's all the furnace did, just burnt loose the bands. [14]

And sometime it takes hard trials to break the bands of the world off of us (*I Peter 4:1-2*). **Sometimes God lets us have a little trial** (*I Cor. 10:12-13*), **you know, to see what we'll do, to take you out of the world.** Or, other words, let you have a little trial and knock you out of that organization, and that idea that "the Methodist is the only one, the Baptist, or the Pentecostal, or that's the only group they got. If you don't believe it like my church believe it,

you don't believe at all." Sometimes He lets a little trial happen. Maybe you got a sick baby. Maybe something takes place right at the hour of death. Maybe someone taken from you, or something. What's it to do? **To break you away, to show you something, open your eyes.** Maybe you come to criticize, sometime. Maybe God's doing that to break some of the worldly bands that's got you bound down.

Like a drowning man in the river, **you have to take the man out of the river before you can get the river out of the man.** That's right. You have to get him out of the river first, then you get the river out of him. Sometime God has to do it that way. **He permits the junctions, crossroads to do that.** Stand on His promises, the Word, for they never fail. The future, that's in His hand. Stand like they did, don't give away (*Job 23:14*). [15]

Look at Job, a perfect man, a just man. And God permitted the evil devil to come upon him, **and chastise him, and everything else for the perfecting of his spirit. God uses evil spirits many times to work out His plan and His will** (*Psalms 105:17-19; Daniel 1:1-2*). [16]

But, and if the people won't walk in His perfect will, **He does have a permissive will He'll let you walk in.** Notice, **He permits it,** all right, **but He will make it work out for His glory, in His perfect will.**

Just like, in the beginning, it was not God's perfect will for children to be born on the earth through sex (*Genesis 1:26-28*). No, sir. God created man out of the dust of the earth, breathed the breath of life into him, and he become a living soul. He took from that man a helpmate, and made a wife to him. That was God's first and original will. But when sin come in and did the thing that it did, then He permitted man to marry a wife, legally, and have children by her. "Multiply and replenish the earth, then, if that's the way you're going to do it." **But, you see, it never was His perfect will.**

God permitted Israel to take a law, in Exodus the 19th chapter. **When grace had already given them a prophet, Pillar of Fire, a sacrifice lamb,** a delivering power, but they cried out for a Law. It wasn't God's will, but it was injected because man wanted it. **And they were cursed by the very law that they wanted.**

It's best to have God's will. That's what He taught us. "*Thy will be done. Thy Kingdom come. Thine will be done.*" (*Matt. 6:9-15*). **We must submit ourselves to His will and His Word.** Don't question It! Believe It! Don't try to find a way around It! Just take It the way It is! So many want to go around, get some other way. And when you do, you find yourself going on, **you find God blessing you, but you're working in His permissive will and not in His perfect, Divine will.**

He permits it, as I said, but He will not let it be His perfect will; **but He'll make it work to honor and bless His perfect will.** And childbearing by sex is one of that. [17]

So, we really believe that God never changes His mind about what He said. He always keeps It true.

But He has a **permissive will**. Now, there, where the trouble lays. **We try to work on God's permissive will, and He will permit it**. But also if we take His permissive will, though it's not right, He will make His permissive will to work out, together, **to glorify His perfect will**.

But, you see, **God, the great Spirit, the Father (John 4:24), in Him were attributes**, and these things that you see displayed now are just His attributes being displayed. He dwelt alone, He was not even God; God was an object of worship. **He was the Great Eternal One**. And in Him were attributes, such as to be Father, to be Saviour, to be Healer. And now, how could He first... He had to be Father, because it proves He was Father, but He dwells alone. He alone is immortal. And, now, but His attributes have to be displayed.

Now, **to be a Saviour, there has to be something lost**. And God cannot purposely lose anything and then redeem it. It wouldn't be becoming to His holiness and His great judgment. **But He put man on free moral agency, knowing that man would fall**. And in that, then, **He became man, Himself, in order to redeem back man that fell**. That's the reason that Jesus was Emmanuel (*Matt. 1:21-23*). **If God sent another person besides Himself, then that wouldn't be just. God had to come Himself and take place**. And God could not be come down in Spirit and take place, He had to be made flesh, in the flesh of His Own creative Son (*I Tim. 3:16; Phil. 2:5-11*).

And He showed here, in the beginning, that His perfect will was to create man out of the dust of the earth. But, you see, He permitted sex to be brought in. He never did intend children to be born by sex, but it was permitted, which soon will fade away. [18]

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