

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

I. The ALTERNATIVES

A. Pure CHANCE

B. Cosmic CONTEST

1. The belief that God is not OMNIPOTENT

2. The belief that God is not OMNISCIENT

C. Divine CONTROL

II. The Biblical EVIDENCE

A. God CAN do ANYTHING He SAYS (Gen. 18:14; Num. 11:23; Job 42:2; Eph. 1:11)

B. God WILL do EVERYTHING He PLEASES (Pss. 115:3; 135:6)

1. God is PRAISEWORTHY because his rule is UNLIMITED

2. God is TRUSTWORTHY because His purposes are UNSTOPPABLE

C. God CANNOT be FRUSTRATED in whatever He PURPOSES (Isa. 14:27; 43:13; Lam. 3:37; Jms 4:14-15)

1. God has the AUTHORITY to do whatever He purposes

2. God has the ABILITY to do whatever He purposes

- D. God WILL NOT be THWARTED in whatever He PLEASES (Isa. 46:9-10; Dan. 4:35)

III. Practical APPLICATIONS

- A. GOD made everyone AS THEY ARE for His purposes (Exo. 4:11)
- B. GOD controls all CIRCUMSTANCES for His GLORY (Deut. 32:39; 1 Sam. 2:6-7; Rom. 9:20-21)
- C. GOD works all things for OUR GOOD (Rom. 8:28)

IV. Our RESPONSE

- A. We must RECOGNIZE the One True God (Isaiah 45:5-7)
- B. We must SUBMIT to the One True God (Job 42:5-6)
- C. We must MAGNIFY the One True God (1 Timothy 1:17)
- D. We must TRUST the One True God (1 Peter 5:7)
 - 1. No SCHEME or CIRCUMSTANCE or SIN takes Him by SURPRISE
 - 2. No HUMAN or DEMON or force of NATURE can frustrate His PURPOSES
 - 3. He is the GREAT KING, the Only Sovereign ALL THINGS, and He LOVES YOU