

The God Who We Worship: Two Forces

Romans 16: 25-27

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Introduction: Why does God do the things He does?

God loves us with a depth of love we will never know in our experience. But sometimes our prayers go unanswered:

- Sometimes our loved ones get sick in spite of our best efforts; Sometimes there is tragedy and pain in this world; Sometimes we experience failure in business or family; Sometimes there is national tragedy

We ask of this loving God: What are You after?

What is the goal of Almighty God?

Why doesn't He do something about my pain?

Some conclusions I have come to in pain free moments:

1. I try to make world history about me
2. I try to make science about me
3. I think when I allow myself to question God that way – that God is a guest in my world, rather than thinking that I am a guest in His world

In my pain free moments I conclude God's wisdom is not an never was pledged to keep a fallen world happy or to make my ungodly choices of no consequence.

I. God's Power

a. God is powerful in the natural order

- i. Job 38: 1-21 ~ only about 15% of whole soliloquy

b. God is powerful over the affairs of mankind

- i. Genesis 50:20

c. God is powerful over the souls of mankind

- i. Romans 16: 25; Acts 1:8

d. God is powerful over the volition of mankind

- i. Job 42:2

II. God's Wisdom

a. Proverbs 3: 19; I Corinthians 1: 18-25

III. Take Away

a. When we think of the God we worship – we think of God's wisdom and power

b. We are visitors in God's World – He is not a visitor in ours

c. God's controlling motivation in this – His world – is His own glory

d. Our wisdom is derived and pales in comparison to the wisdom of God