

Does God Control the Future? Is God in Control?

Questions Christians Ask

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DOES GOD CONTROL THE FUTURE?

Acts 15:18 “Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.”

- Key words: “**His works.**” God will accomplish everything He said He would do.

Num 23:19 God does not lie; men lie. “**Hath he said, and shall he not do it?**”

Rev 1:8, 22:13, Between these two verses, the bible records three thousand years of history.

- Jesus Christ remains exactly the same after 3,000 years of history and will accomplish everything He set out to do from the start of the Church Age to the new heavens and new earth.

Prov 21:30 “**There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.**”

- The wisdom of men denies creationism, promotes evolution.
- The wisdom of religious men denies the gospel, promotes works.
- In the end every knee will bow, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Php. 2:11, Rom. 14:11).

Acts 4:24-28 Everything that was done to Jesus Christ was done according to whatsoever God’s hand and counsel determined before to be done (vs 28). Men who hated Jesus Christ were fulfilling prophecy by killing Him.

- Seeing that hundreds of prophecies have already been fulfilled, we ought to confidently expect that the prophecies that still await fulfillment will certainly be fulfilled.
 - Don’t be surprised when you start to see scripture being fulfilled in your eyes.

Heb 1:1-3 Jesus Christ, the word of His power: The Son of God spoke the universe into existence by the word of His power, and He upholds all things by the word of His power. It is held together and operates in an orderly fashion by the word of His power.

- When you consider God’s creation in comparison to anything man can create, you’ll say, “**What is man?**” (Psa. 8:3-4).

Isa 44:6-8 God is “**the first and the last.**” He can declare future events without any worry of them failing. He appoints “**the things that are coming, and shall come.**” No religious leader dares to predict future events for fear of being proven false.

Isa 46:9-10 God can confidently declare “**the end from the beginning.**” He can speak of “**things that are not yet done,**” knowing that what He has said shall stand.

- Consider all the prophecies that have already been fulfilled exactly as God predicted. It leaves you with no reason to doubt that the remaining prophecies will come to pass exactly as predicted.

IS GOD IN CONTROL?

If God is in complete control of everything that happens on this earth and in our lives, then when bad things happen, we will wonder why God did that to us. We will wonder why it’s God’s will for us to suffer.

- God has given control to men over their own actions, their own households, their own children, and temporal governments.

- There is great diversity in human governments because men control them. When the time comes for God to control government, it will be a Theocracy and He will rule and reign over the kings of the earth (Psa 96:10, 1 Chron 16:31, Rev 19:6).
- God assigned different officers to be over congregations of Christians (1 Cor 12:4-6). God gave these officers control over the Churches.
- God has given the Devil control of this world (2 Cor 4:4).
 - If God was in control of this world, none of the evils that men commit would take place.
- God has given principalities control over the kingdoms of the world.
- The fact that God will judge all of these one day proves that God is not in control. If God were in control, then the things men and devils do would be in accordance with God's will and He would not have to judge them.
- God is in control of HIS actions. He has allowed you to have control of your actions.
 - **"Come unto me..."** Most men will not come.
 - **"God is not willing that any should perish."** He is willing **"that all should come to repentance."** Most men will not come to repentance.

WHEN JESUS TAKES CONTROL

Mat 28:18 "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

- Jesus Christ has all power, but He's not here to exercise it.

Rev 11:15-17 "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ..."

- The kingdoms of this world are not yet under Jesus Christ's control. He has the power (Mat 28:18), but He has not begun to exercise that power yet.
- **"...thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned"** (vs 17). This takes place after the Great Tribulation period.
- One day, Jesus Christ will exercise all power in earth and for all eternity.
- In your witness for Jesus Christ, be careful not to misrepresent Him by telling people He's in control of everything that happens to them. The condition of this world proves that He's not responsible. The world, the flesh, the devil, and sinful hearts are responsible for the condition of this world.