

The Authority Given to Mankind



Andrew suffered with diabetes and gangrene. His big toe was eaten away. After mass prayer he was healed and his toe grew back- **Guntur, India February 2001.**

CHAPTER 3

Does God Do Both Good And Evil?

If the earth is in the throes of disaster, **it is not God's fault. It is mankind's! Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.** (James 1:16-17). This is a simple theology lesson that you would think most Christians would know! God is good and Satan or demons are bad! Satan and God the Father do not work together, nor are they playing on the same team. They are enemies! The earth was given to mankind along with the authority to bring good or evil into this world. Despite possessing this authority, evil men do evil, give place to, have the aid of demon spirits (to carry out evil on the earth), just as Christians have the Holy Spirit/ God (to do good) to carry out their God-given authority. Verse 16 says **Do not be deceived!** Pretty strong warning from James! Yet today so many

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Christians are deceived thinking God does both good and bad and somehow Satan and God work together to further God's purpose and plan for your life.

We need to realize the earth was given to mankind and if good things are expected then we have to do our part, working in partnership with Holy Spirit, to carry out our authority and bring about good. When we realize we have a part to fulfill and Holy Spirit will work with us to change things then we will cease being beaten up in this life with everything the enemy throws our way. God is not the author of evil occurrences in this world. He gave the earth to mankind to do good or evil. It is man's choice! Many in this world, are being used by the enemy like puppets to carry out evil on the earth. God is not doing this evil, nor is it His will for these things to happen. Much of the evil in this world can be attributed to mankind partnering knowingly or unknowingly with demonic spirits or Satan's will or mankind is to blame for doing bad or stupid things without the aid of demons. Either way mankind makes choices and lives with the consequences of poor choices. This is not God's will.

Those who believe that God orchestrates both good and evil events say everything good or bad (evil) works together for the good of all people in this world. One place they get this is from taking Romans 8:28 out of context; which says, *"and we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* Do all things good and bad automatically work together for good, like

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Augustine and Calvin believed? It is very important not to pull things out of context to make it adhere to our beliefs. I do not believe all things necessarily work for the good of every person on this planet. The Apostle Paul is not saying in Romans 8:28 that all things good and bad in life are automatically God's will no matter what. Notice how that verse starts, with an 'and'. That means there is something tied to that verse before that. Look at Romans 8:26-27 just before verse 28: *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be **uttered*** (Greek says groanings, which can't be uttered in articulate speech or known speech). *Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He **makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***

Notice the prior verses are talking about Holy Spirit interceding through us "according to the will of God." He does this when we are praying in the Spirit or tongues, just like Jesus prayed before raising Lazarus from the dead (1 Corinthians 14: 13-15, 18, John 11: 33 & 38). Praying like this is what helps us flow in the power of Holy Spirit especially in an environment where the miracles of Jesus are needed. My testimony of how I was called into ministry revolves around these verses. The purpose of praying in the Spirit is to allow the Holy Spirit to pray through us for God's will to be done. He, Jesus, makes intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25). The Holy Spirit helps us

pray according to His will by praying through us in the Spirit or tongues.

1 John 5:14-15 says if we pray for something according to His will: *Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that **if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that **we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*** If the Holy Spirit is praying through us for God's will to be done, don't you think all things will work together for your good? I have seen both good and bad things work together for my good when I have allowed the Holy Spirit to pray through me. There is no such thing as everything just automatically working together for the good of every person on this planet. I could give you hundreds of stories of things not working together for the good of people in this world.

Romans 8:28 also says *to those who are the **called according to His purpose.*** Let's say, for example, as a Christian I am not fitting into the purpose and plan that God has for my life. Could things end up not working together for my good? I have seen Christians all over the world, not fitting into God's plan and purpose for their life — they end up living a miserable and defeated life. All things do not work together for good if we understand these verses and live in reality. All things can work together for the good if we are doing what Romans 8:26-28 says to do. **Each person has his or her own free will. Man has a choice. He can yield to God to do good, or be drawn away**

by his own lusts (see James 1:14-15) or yield to demons to do evil.

There is one thing impossible for God to do! That is to tell a lie! **God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good** (Numbers 23:19)? God can't operate or go contrary to His word in Genesis 1:26-28. He holds this universe together by His spoken word. In Psalms 89:34 God says "*My covenant I will not break, **Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.***" Hebrews 1:3 says *He is upholding all things by the word of His power.* If God went back on His word this universe would literally collapse because His spoken word holds it together (See Genesis 1). Man was given authority on earth from God. For the most part God has had to operate through mankind's authority, in partnership with him to perform and accomplish great things on this Earth. Jesus, God the Creator in the flesh, was born on this earth, the Son of Man, so He could legally operate in the authority He gave man in the beginning of time. In order to operate in miracles and healings on the earth, He also needed the help and partnership of Holy Spirit (See Acts 10:38).

Every person born on earth has authority, including Jesus Christ, the Creator who was born in the flesh. Hebrews 2:14 Amp says *Therefore, since [these His] children share in flesh and blood [the physical nature of mankind], He Himself in a similar manner also shared in the same [physical nature,*

but without sin], so that through [experiencing] death He might make powerless (ineffective, impotent) him who had the power of death—that is, the devil. Greek philosophy made an inroad into the early church. Greek philosophy denies that God could become a man and take on flesh. So many early church leaders warned against this belief and mindset. Here is one of those warnings: *By this you know and recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges and confesses [the fact] that Jesus Christ (Greek -the anointed one) has [actually] come in the flesh [as a man] is from God [God is its source]; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus [acknowledging that He has come in the flesh, but would deny any of the Son's true nature] is not of God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and is now already in the world (1 John 4:2-3 AMP) Jesus, the Christ, the anointed one, came in the flesh, stripped Himself of His deity (see Philippians 2:6-7) and came as the SON OF MAN enabling Him to use the **authority (exousia)** God gave man in the beginning of time along with the **power (dunamis)** of the Holy Spirit to destroy the works of the devil.*

Greek philosophy could not comprehend God becoming a man, but that is exactly what Jesus the Christ, God the Creator did! He took on flesh and blood. John warned the early church about this false doctrine that stated God did not come in the flesh. Greek philosophy states this was not possible. Mark 10:27 says *But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."* It's not

impossible for God to humble Himself and take on flesh. He did that of His own free will. He came, walked, lived, and was tortured and put to death by His own creation, all to redeem mankind and to regain our authority.

In Greek philosophy, with the Greek gods and many other religions they put most of the emphasis on the spiritual realm and the gods that dwell there. In these religions of man the emphasis is always how big, powerful and out of touch God or these gods are with mankind. That is why the Greeks during Jesus' time had a very hard time believing God the Creator humbled Himself and came to **earth in the FLESH, a man**. They could not wrap their minds around that. Greek philosophy separates the spiritual and physical realms. This teaching has been brought right into our present day Western Christianity. The over emphasis was always on the spiritual and man becoming more spiritual. Greek Gnosticism was all about separating the spiritual and physical realms unlike what the Jews and Jesus taught. Spiritual gnostics are mostly focused on the spiritual realm and try to stay disconnected from the physical realm. This is a big part of what Augustine taught. Their teachings and belief system were based on becoming more spiritual in order to be more disconnected from the physical realm.

An agnostic is someone who is only in touch with the physical realm and very disconnected from the spiritual realm and God. They believe there might be a God and then again

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there might not be a God but that does not matter to them because they are so focused on the physical realm and are totally disconnected from God. But our God, who is a Spirit, (see John 4:24) invaded the physical realm, and became flesh to get on our level, so He could have relationship with us, not religion. One reason He came was to bridge the great divide between man and God and the spiritual and physical realms, but also to have authority on the earth and get back our authority which had been lost to Satan.

This song *How many Kings* by **Downhere** sums up what our great God, Jesus Christ did for mankind:

Is this who we've waited for?

'Cause how many kings stepped down from their thrones

How many lords have abandoned their homes?

How many greats have become the least for me?

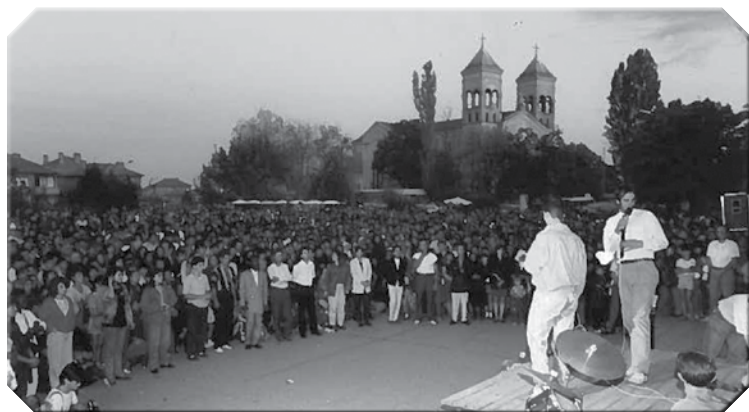
And how many gods have poured out their hearts

To romance a world that is torn all apart

How many fathers gave up their sons for me?

...ONLY ONE DID THAT FOR ME."

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Masses turn to Christ in **Sofia, Rochovsky** and other cities in **Bulgaria** **September 1991**, right after the Iron Curtain falls.

