

## The Lord Is Great Enough To Do What He Pleases

*“ For I know that the LORD is great...Whatsoever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places.” (Psalm 135:5-14)*

A lesser God would not be worthy of praise and adoration. In fact, if He were not sovereign and free to do as He pleases, He would not be God. Whoever or whatever prevented Him from doing whatever He pleased would be God, and we ought worship that. But most people who object to the absolute sovereignty of God do not object because they think some other god ought have some say in things. That would be just as disagreeable. Their objection is that they think *they* ought to have the power of veto, that God’s actions should be ratified by our free will, and that God ought to do what we wish Him to do. One does not need to think about that very long before he discovers this is self-worship: we should be god ourselves. But if we think a bit more we shall find that, considering our own foolishness and blundering ways, for us to be in charge of our lives and fates would be the worst scenario one could imagine. It is good to have an infinitely wise and good God who does what He pleases, not what we, in our foolishness, evil and selfish ways, choose.

The elements and their functions and occasions in the creation are not the product of a fictitious “Mother Nature”. Our God causes the moisture to evaporate from the earth and gather in the clouds at the place of His choosing, and then sends the lightening to release the prepared watering of plants that begin the food chain, nourishing every living creature. Winds do not blow at the caprice of tides, temperatures, and the movement of objects. These are all choreographed by the Almighty, called up out of His storehouses, and sent on their errands to ventilate His creation, move and shift objects around, destroy, tear down, and build up, all according to His wise and perfect purpose.

Nations do not rise and fall on the whims and maneuvers of politicians, industrialists, bankers, entertainers, and other “kings of the earth”. He raises up whomever He pleases and puts down whom He will. He brought the mighty giant of the Nile to her knees, buried her chariots, horses and warriors in the sea in order to bring out a rag-tag multitude of oppressed slaves. Which people whom He chose to be His elect people and form a nation that should record His testimony for the whole world.

He may suspend His own laws of physics by which the whole creation works, to demonstrate that He is the Almighty. The sun, wind, waves and very waters of the deep must rise, fall, flow or cease at His command.

That His people may learn to trust His mighty power, He brings them to face fierce and humanly invincible foes. He then destroys those foes before His people’s eyes and enriches them with the fruits of other men’s labors. His people know the blessings they enjoy to be an inheritance earned by their God, not the deserved fruit of their own strength.

Let us adore, worship and praise our Mighty God. He is worthy.

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