

God Is In Control Zanga Schutte, October 23, 2022

No matter what we face today, God is in control. **Whether it involves our . . . Marriage , Family / Kids, Relationships, Friends, Enemies, Business, Job, Health, Finances, Church, School, College, Sports, Weather / Drought, etc., . . .**

Trust God! Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; [6] in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Notes: We must submit to God in all our ways. This means turning every area of life over to him. We need to examine our values and priorities. What is important to us? Where is God on that list? In what areas have we failed to acknowledge him? In many areas of our life we may already acknowledge God, but the areas where we attempt to restrict or ignore his influence will cause us grief. If we make God a vital part of everything we do, he will guide us because we will be working to accomplish his purposes.

God Is In Control Deuteronomy 31:8 NIV The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Here are a few examples in the Bible that reveal God Is In Control :

-God closed the lion's mouth for Daniel -He Parted the Red Sea For Moses -He Gave Sarah a Baby
-He Gave Sight to the Blind -The Lame Walk -He raised Lazarus from the dead...

You see, we all have situations or circumstances that we think God isn't there.

Hebrews 13:5b says, . . . "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you ."

Rest In The Lord Psalm 91:1-2 NIV ¹ **Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

Notes: God shelters and protects us when we are afraid, sick, or in deep trouble. Our faith in the almighty God as our protector will carry us through all of life's dangers and fears. This is how we should trust God—trading all our fears for faith in him, no matter how intense they may be. To do this, we must "dwell" and "rest" with him. By entrusting ourselves to his protection and pledging our daily devotion to him, we acknowledge that he will keep us safe.

Humble Ourselves 1 Peter 5:6-7 NIV ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Notes: God is able and willing to bless us according to his timing. Humbly obey God regardless of our present circumstances, and in his good time—either in this life or in the next—he will honor you.

Don't Be Afraid Psalm 118:6-7 NIV ⁶ The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? ⁷ The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies.

Be Strong & Courageous Joshua 1:9 NIV "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Seek First Matthew 6:33-34 NIV ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Notes: To "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" means to put God first in our life, to fill our thoughts with his desires, to use his character as our life's pattern, and to keep on implementing his kingdom values on earth.

Don't let worries about tomorrow affect our relationship with God today.

In Closing: "When we put God first, all other things fall in their proper place."

Philippians 4:19 NIV And my God will **meet all your needs** according to the riches of **his glory in Christ Jesus.**

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