

OF THE SECRET AND REVEALED WILL OF GOD



There are many things we do not know and God had kept them secret from which we learn God has a secret will and brings things to pass according to it and a revealed will, and He works all things according to it. Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

All the events that come to pass in time are according to the determinate council of His own will. Lamentations 3¹

Concerning Jesus it is written, Acts 2:23 “Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:”

Concerning Joseph who was sold into slavery according to the will of God it is written Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive

And Paul knew all things came to pass according to the will of God Philippians 1. But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel.

1 37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not? 38 Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?

The crucifixion of the Lord Jesus was according to the will of God

And in Romans 8 All things work together for good to them that love God and are the called according to His purposes.

And for this reason we are to lean the lesson not to boast about tomorrow for we do not know what will come our way. Proverbs 27²

Instead we are to cast our care upon him. 1 Peter 5:7³

And to be careful for nothing. Philippines 4:6⁴

And in all things, when providence crosses our plans or path, we are to learn the patience of Job. Job 1 Who said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

The sum of all this is God is the sovereign Lord who predestines all things according to the council of His own will. Nothing that has come to pass in the history of the world, or in time to come is other than what the lord has commanded and determined to be done.

The providence of God is like the pages of a book, that unfold events in time, bringing to pass all the events God has determined to be done. Nothing lies out side of Gods providence and His all seeing eye, and control. God is over all, bringing to pass the good and by permission the evil, for some good end, that is both the evil and the good. Isaiah 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.

God is omnipotent meaning the Almighty, and He is omnipresent, that is present everywhere and omniscient, seeing all things . Jeremiah 23:24. Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

And so we should, in our daily lives, view the world in which we live as in the presence of God, and when speaking of tomorrow, and future plans, always say if the Lord will we shall do this, or that. When things do not turn out as we would like, and are disappointed, we should realise we have not because we ask not, and when we do ask we ask amiss. James 4:3.⁵

Trials and difficulties are used in the hand of God to work in us

2 27 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

3 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

4 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

12 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

patience and faith. That we may glorify God Our saviour.

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[Systematic Theology Lois Berkhof](#)

[The Mystery Of Providence John Flavel](#)