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## God is in Control

Although one might be inclined to think that things in this world are out of control, this is expressly not so; especially when you understand what God is doing down here. God has put man on this earth to learn lessons. One of the greatest lessons man is learning is that his ways are not working.

Notice in Job 12:16-25 some of the things God does to evil men, of which they are unaware. We live in a world where people are deceived on every issue. No one seems to have the answers to today's problems. But the one who misleads and the misled belong to God. He is behind this deception because man will not seek Him and live for Him (Jer. 20:7). It says in Job he exposes counselors (lawyers) and makes fools out of judges (Job 12:17). It also says he makes nations great and He destroys them. He removes intelligence and understanding from the leaders of the people of earth making them move blindly and wander (Job 12:23-24).

In Revelation 16:21, God mentions hailstones as large as 100 pounds apiece. These He will rain upon the earth in the days directly ahead of us. Approximately 4,000 years ago, the Lord told Job about this hail which He has reserved for a particular day (Job 38:22-23). Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, also saw the storehouses of hail.

There is a law of reciprocity. Some call it the Law of Karma or the Golden Rule. Where there is no law, there is no transgression. Where

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there is a law, there is a lawgiver. Where there is a law, there must also be one who enforces that law, to bring it to pass.

It is easy to see that there are indeed laws at work in our world and solar system. For instance, don't stand under a tree during a lightning storm or you might experience one of these laws.

***'God's eyes behold all the good and evil that is done upon the earth (Prov. 15:3). Yet, God does nothing unless He reveals it to His friends and His servants the prophets first.'***

God gives wisdom and understanding to the mind and He can also take it away (Job 38:36). God makes the deaf, the dumb, the seeing and the blind (Ex. 4:11). If a calamity occurs in a

city, has the Lord not done it (Amos 3:6)? God sends evil angels among the wicked (Psalm 78:49). But to the righteous, good shall be repaid (Prov. 13:21). God's eyes behold all the good and evil that is done upon the earth (Prov. 15:3). Yet, God does nothing unless He reveals it to His friends and His servants, the prophets, first (Amos 3:7).

***'It is God who makes peace or creates evil.'***

It is God who makes peace or creates evil (Is. 45:7). His hands bless and His hands curse. He is the one who repays both evil and good. He is the one who talks to Satan and gives him permission to test the righteous and destroy those who are evil (Job 1:8-12; 2:3-6). Yes, God is in control.□

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# Spiritual Power

When God gives His Spirit to those who obey Him, that Spirit has power. It has a lot of power when it is accompanied by a righteous life. In James 5:16, God's word says a righteous man's prayers have a lot of power. Jesus said all things are possible to those who believe (Mark 9:23).

***'God's people are given authority over all the powers of the enemy.'***

What is this power? God's people are given authority over all the powers of the enemy. Evil spirits must be subject to God's people (Luke 10:20). God's servants have the power to bind and loose on earth (Matt. 16:19). It is the power to forgive someone's sins or to retain those sins (John 20:23). That's power and authority, but that's not all.

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The apostles of God were given authority to deliver an unrepentant and naughty person over to Satan for the destruction of that person's flesh, so his spirit might be saved in the day of judgment (1 Cor. 5:5). The Apostle Paul turned two other men—Hymenaeus and Alexander—over to Satan so they might be taught not to blaspheme (1 Tim. 1:20). The Apostle Peter had the authority to take the lives of Ananias and his wife Sapphira because they were lying to the Holy Spirit

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Why was all this power necessary? It was necessary because precious lives were being lost because of evil men who were jealous of Paul. They spoke evil of him behind his back. They tried to steal those whom the Lord had put in Paul's charge (Jude 1:4; 2 Peter 2:1-3). They took Paul's mission for granted and became familiar.

False teachers who were not given authority by God began to undermine God's chosen servants and were bringing swift destruction on themselves. These false teachers would say, "Paul's full of wind. I am just as much of a man of God as he is. He is not so special." They might then attack his dress, his mannerisms and the like, just to undermine and cause dissension among the flock (2 Peter 2:1-3, 10-22).

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# S p i r i t u a l P o w e r

The apostles were given the authority to punish all those who were disobedient and who knew better (2 Cor. 10:6). They had authority to order a person to do what was right (Philemon 8-9).

The signs of the Lord's apostles were shown and known among the people (2 Cor. 12:12). They raised the dead, restored hearing to the deaf, healed the lame and sick, and performed miracles among the group.

***'The Apostle Paul told Timothy, in the last days, difficult times would come. People would be in very bad shape because the day would be so evil.'***

The Apostle Paul sent instructions to the group by letter and said if anyone did not obey that letter, the people were not to have anything to do with that person. Yet, they were not to treat him as an enemy. They were to admonish that person (2 Thess. 3:14-15). The Apostle Paul told Timothy, in the last days, difficult times would come. People would be in very bad shape because the day would be so evil (2 Tim. 3:1-4).

Paul warned those God put in his charge to keep their eye on those who cause dissensions. He told people to stay away from them (Rom. 16:17-19).

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God commands His people to have no divisions among themselves (1 Cor. 1:10). This is a stern command from God. We can see, then, that those whom God was working through had great power, and God is the same today, yesterday and forever. He does not change (Heb. 13:7). There is no instance where this power was abused by those who possessed it in the past. Remember always, God is in control of everything. □

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# The Power of God

***‘Jesus bore our sins in His body so we might die to our sinful past by living to righteousness.’***

When we disobey God’s word, we sin against Him (Ex. 32:33). If we continue to be disobedient to God’s word, we will be destroyed (1 Peter 2:8; Matt. 3:10; Acts 3:22-23). Jesus bore our sins in His body so we might die to our sinful past by living to righteousness (1 Peter 2:24). We are to lay aside everything that is not pleasing to God and run as if we were running a race (Heb. 12:1). If we are continually doing good for others and continually doing what is right in God’s sight, we will put to shame all those who say they are disciples of Jesus Christ but are not living by God’s Ways (1 Peter 2:15).

***‘We have God’s Spirit to help us overcome all obstacles and sins, so nothing can stand in our way.’***

God gives us His power, through the Holy Spirit that dwells in us, so that we can overcome (2 Cor. 10:3-5). Our sins and our sinful natures shall not be master over us, for we are not under the Law of Moses, as the ancient Israelites were. We are under God’s grace. We have God’s Spirit to help us overcome all obstacles and sins, so nothing can stand in our way (Rom. 6:14).

Jesus Christ made it possible for us to become winners. He came to show us the Way of righteousness, which is very easy and pleasant (Matt. 11:30; 21:32; 2 Peter 2:21). The Apostle Peter knew how to qualify for the kingdom of

heaven and how we can be partakers of God’s divine nature through His power (2 Peter 1:3-4). God made a way where there was no way, through the death of our Lord.

***‘We are commanded to be diligent in Bible study, in prayer and in good works that perfect our faith.’***

We are commanded to be diligent in Bible study, in prayer and in good works that perfect our faith (2 Peter 1:5; James 2:22). God tells us to have virtue, which means to be consistent in good morals. We should always be increasing in knowledge of God’s Ways through consistent study of His word. We should be practicing self-control and balance in everything. We should be persevering steadily toward the goal of becoming more godly (Titus 1:1). We need to be cultivating kindness and making all our ways charitable, as the Lord said we should (Luke 11:41). If we lack these qualities, we are blind, having forgotten the very reason we were baptized and received God’s Spirit—to live this new and blessed Way of life (2 Peter 1:9).

***‘As long as we keep practicing these principles, we will never stumble, for this is how we enter the new Way of life that God preordained for us to walk.’***

As long as we keep practicing these principles, we will never stumble, for this is how we enter the new Way of life that God preordained for us to walk (Eph. 2:10). Simple, isn’t it (Matt. 11:30)? Let’s not goof off and make it complicated (2 Peter 1:5-11).□

# The Role of the Holy Spirit



***'The Holy Spirit is responsible for guiding you into all truth.'***

The Holy Spirit plays an awesome role in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is responsible for guiding you into all truth (1 John 2:27; John 16:13). The Holy Spirit also brings Scriptures to remembrance and tells you what to speak (John 14:26). Gifts of healing, gifts of miracles, and the ability to teach and to preach are given by God's Spirit.

The Holy Spirit stops you from going in the wrong direction and urges you to go the right way (Is. 30:21). It gives you prophecy and dreams with interpretations (Dan. 5:16-17; Gen. 40:8, 12; 41:15-16). The Holy Spirit can be grieved, and if you blaspheme against the Holy Spirit, you cannot be forgiven (Mark 3:29). The Spirit can whisper in your ear, make a donkey talk or shout from heaven (Num. 22:28; Matt. 10:27; Job 4:12).

***'The Spirit makes all things possible to those who believe.'***

The Holy Spirit is the power that created everything (Gen. 1:2). The Spirit makes all things possible to those who believe. You could literally move mountains with the power of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 17:20; 1 Cor. 13:2). That Spirit can move you physically through the air to a different location, make it possible to walk on water, stop the rain, kill trees, cast out demons, heal diseases and raise the dead (Matt. 14:26-27; Matt. 10:1; Mark 16:17; John 11:43; Acts 16:18; 8:39-40; Rev. 11:6; 1 Kings 17:1; Jonah 4:7).

People think of this Spirit as being the third person of the Trinity when, in fact, this Spirit is Jesus Christ (John 14:16-21, 28). Notice that the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Spirit of Jesus Christ in Acts 16:6-7 and gave Paul a vision in verse 9. Jesus said He is with you, referring to Himself, and will be in you (John 14:17-18; 15:26). Jesus promised to come to you. Jesus Christ and the Father will live in us (John 14:20; 17:26; Luke 17:21; John 14:23). We are taught by the Father and Jesus Christ (John 8:47; Luke 6:40).

***'We should not underestimate the important role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a true disciple of Jesus Christ.'***

A true disciple cannot stand against the devil without the power of the Holy Spirit. For that reason God gives His Spirit to those who repent and obey Him (Acts 2:38; 5:32). We should not underestimate the important role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a true disciple of Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 1:7; Matt. 28:19-20).□

# Letter From the Editor

Dear *Whole Wheat* Readers,

If you talk to most anyone today, they will tell you the world seems to be getting worse and out of control. About three-fourths of Americans think the country is headed in the wrong direction and they fear the world is on the precipice of World War 3.

What helps me to put things into perspective is to zoom out and look at the big picture, of why things are the way they are. Jesus said, "Behold, I have told you in advance" (Matt 24:25). Mark 13 tells us; "These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs" for God's kingdom (Mark 13:1-8). He wanted to warn us, so we would not be surprised to what is happening in our world.

This issue of *Whole Wheat* will help you zoom out and see that *God is in Control*. This article really proves from Scripture that God is allowing all these things to happen for a good reason. He has not gone on vacation and forgotten about His Creation. There actually is an important reason behind what is going on today. In the *Last Days*, it really narrows down one particular reason why things are the way they are. It gives me a real zoomed out view, like in a map program, which, gives me understanding and peace that these things must happen.

In *The Power of God*, I love the line; "God made a way where there was no way." It makes me think of the verse that nothing shall be impossible to us as true believers (Matt 17:20). Paul also said, "I can do all things through Christ..." (Phil. 4:13). Then to add to

that it reads in Hebrews 13:6; "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?" Need I say more?

This power God has, He also gives to His people. The Greek word "dunamis" is translated many times as "power" in the New Testament. It is where we get our English words dynamite, dynamo, and dynamic. This "dunamis" power can also be associated with strength or ability, but it can also refer to moral power and excellence of soul.

The article *Spiritual Power*, shows why God gave this power to His apostles and to us and how *The Role of the Holy Spirit* plays an important part in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ. It is our Teacher, Comforter and Helper to guide us in using the spiritual power God gives us, through baptism into His Ways (Acts 2:38).

This is all such beautiful news in the midst of all the darkness in the world. I hope that these articles help to give you a new fresh outlook of hope and understanding, as well as all we offer on [wholewheatonline.com](http://wholewheatonline.com). This temporary world is not our home so don't fall in love with it. As Jesus warned us in advance, birth pangs must happen before our true home comes in all its power and glory. What a day that will be! Hang in there my friends. We are all in this together!

In His Love,

Scott

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# Last Days

In the last days, some people will mock and scoff at the truth because they have no intention of living or even beginning to live a holy life for the Lord (Psalm 53:1).

***‘To live a holy life, we must change.’***

To live a holy life, we must change. The old life must die (Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:24). We must grow in Christ, clothe ourselves with Christ and live as Jesus Christ gave us example to live. We must become doers of God’s word (James 1:22).

***‘We are not to remain fools in regard to what God’s Will is.’***

We cannot do God’s word and live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord, unless we study His word continually to show ourselves approved to God (2 Tim. 2:15, King James Version). We are not to remain fools in regard to what God’s Will is (Eph. 5:17; Rom. 12:2). We are to do God’s Will daily in every facet of our lives with all our heart, mind,

soul and strength (Jer. 10:23; Matt. 7:21; 6:10; Luke 8:21; 1 Peter 2:14-15; 4:2-6).

***‘God is now determining who will serve Him by serving others and who will not.’***

God is distinguishing between the sheep (the doers of God’s word) and the goats (those who know they should be doing good, but won’t start) (Jer. 16:12; Matt. 25:33-46). The good fish are now being sorted in the net. God is now determining who will serve Him by serving others and who will not (Mal. 3:18). He is recording the names of those who become doers of the Lord’s word (Ex. 32:33; Rev. 3:5). He is also recording names of all those who started to live the holy life but lost interest and fell away (Jer. 17:13).

Jesus’ words, which He spoke to the world, will judge us when He returns (John 12:47-50). Did we keep His words and, by doing so, do the Will of the Father (John 8:51; Matt. 7:21; 1 John 2:17)? Or did we just read His word (James 1:22; Acts 3:23)?□



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