

"For by Him were ALL THINGS created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ALL THINGS were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him ALL THINGS consist." Colossians 1:16-17 KJV



Think of anything you like, from your nose to the presidency, it was, is, and shall be all for Jesus! What about evil? *"I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do ALL these things."* We must understand evil was created by God to contrast or magnify His righteousness. We cannot know evil until we know good. Evil is the absence of good, just like cold is the absence of heat and space the absence of matter. Evil magnifies goodness like darkness magnifies the light. In eternity all darkness will be confined in the Lake of Fire, where God will be forever absent! The futile attempts of men to control their destiny and others will have as much effect on God's Plan as smoke in a hurricane. You think someone or organization is powerful? God created them for His own purpose and they are in His plan whether they acknowledge Him or not. Nebuchadnezzar was used by God to punish Israel and then God destroyed Babylon. Because Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged and worshipped God, God waited until Belshazzar's reign, his grandson to destroy Babylon. As powerful as Satan is, he is doing exactly what God intended for him to do. His rebellion is pre-ordered by God for His own purpose and glory. Dear believer, our *"life is hid with Christ in God."* You need fear nothing! God purposed in eternity past that you would be preserved and protected for His glory and purpose, because He knew you would believe and trust Him, and nothing will prevent that from happening! *"For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son...BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN."* ALL belongs to God and was planned and perfectly created by Him for His own purpose. Man's purpose is to love and worship our Creator. God created Adam to be His friend. Great moments are sweeter when shared with friends. The presence of our Blessed LORD is the only thing that will ever complete us! Instead of avoiding God in favor of personal desires, make HIM your desire. You will find, to your astonishment, that all else will fade into nothingness as your relationship blossoms! Earthly values and attractions lose their luster in God. The apostle said, *"I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus."* God will permeate, elevate, and dedicate you to an eternal supernatural plane of existence! Mortal life will then become the INTERRUPTION. AND... *"There is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give...unto all them...that love His appearing."* For the faithful, earthly life is an endurance that anticipates eternal Glory.

My soul with joy anticipates,
My heart with hopeful patience waits,
My Lord's return, His blessed face,
The Presence of eternal peace. ~CGP

What is it you truly need? It all belongs to Father. Did you ask Him for it? Are you trusting His decision?

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." James 4:3 KJV