

# Has God Lost Control?

Psalm 115:1-3

Psalm 135:1-6

## Introduction:

### I. God Is In Charge

A. God can do anything He says.

1. Genesis 18:14a - *"Is anything too hard for the LORD?"*

2. Numbers 11:23 - *And the LORD said to Moses, "Has the LORD'S arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not."*

3. Job 42:2 - *I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.*

4. Jeremiah 32:17, 26, 27 - *Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"*

5. Daniel 4:17 - *This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men.*

B. God will do everything He pleases.

1. Psalm 115:3 - *But our God is in heaven; he does whatever He pleases.*

2. Psalm 135:6 - *Whatever the LORD pleases He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deep places.*

C. God cannot be thwarted in what He purposes.

1. Ecclesiastes 7:13 - *Consider the work of God; for who can make straight what He has made crooked?*

2. Isaiah 14:27 - *For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?"*

3. Lamentations 3:37 - *Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it?*

D. God Will Not Be Thwarted In What He Pleases.

1. Isaiah 49:9-10 - *That You may say to the prisoners, 'Go forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' "They shall feed along the roads, and their pastures shall be on all desolate heights. They shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them; for He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them.*

2. Revelation 3:7 - *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens.*

E. God Rules Providentially Over “Good” And “Bad.”

1. I Samuel 2:6-7 - *The LORD kills and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and brings up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and lifts up.*
2. Ecclesiastes 7:14 - *In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: surely God has appointed the one as well as the other, so that man can find out nothing that will come after him.*
3. Isaiah 45:6-7 - *That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.*

F. A righteous response to God’s providence.

1. Job 2:10 - *But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.*
2. I Timothy 1:17 - *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

II. **God’s Providence Over Creation.**

A. Psalm 104 Summarizes This Providence.

B. Two Key New Testament Passages Confirm God’s Preserving Providence Over Creation.

1. Colossians 1:16-17.
2. Hebrews 1:3

### III. **God's Providence Over Man.**

#### A. We Need To See How Complete This Is.

1. Psalm 3
2. Acts 17:28

#### B. We All Get Breath From God.

1. Job 12:10 - *In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?*
2. Daniel 5:23 - *And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.*
3. Acts 17:24 - *God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.*

#### C. Twice Jesus Speaks About God Numbering The Hairs Of Our Head – Matthew 10:29-31 (Luke 12:4-7).