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Whatever will be, will be

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"Do you believe whatever will be, will be?" asked the writer's aunt. "I really don't know," came the answer from the young lad who was listening intently. This question, asked so many years ago, spawned many questions in the mind of that little boy. He was a new believer and though he had read much of the Bible again and again, he did not know the answer to this question. The question was a bother to him—as it is to so many.

Years later, the writer, then grown up, married, and father of four little ones sat in the pew listening to his pastor preach the word of God. The preacher said, "Some people believe whatever will be, will be, whether it happens or not." That statement has never left the mind of that young father. The preacher's statement seemed to add fuel to the already burning fire inside. "Do I believe whatever will be, will be?" the question

came again and again.

More than forty years down the road from the day he listened to the pastor's sermon, the writer has concluded, without any question—whatever will be, will be. Let's consider some very pointed and bothersome questions and allow the Holy Scriptures to answer them.

Q. Has God purposed or decreed all things that have come to pass and all things that ever will come to pass?

Answer: *"But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased" (Ps 115:3).*

"Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places" (Ps 135:6).

"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" (Isa 45:6-7).

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"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure" (**Isa 46:9-10**).

"Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not? Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?" (**La 3:37-38**).

"Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?" (**Am 3:6**).

"The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ . . . For to do whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel de-

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termined before to be done" (**Ac 4:26,28**).

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (**Eph 1:11**).

"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to Whom be glory for ever. Amen" (**Ro 11:36**).

Q. Is God's eternal purpose or plan ever thwarted or defeated by any of His creatures? Does God ever fail to achieve anything He determines to do?

Answer. "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as Head above all. Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all" (**1Ch 29:11-12**).

"But He is in one mind, and who can turn Him? and what His soul desireth, even that He doeth" (**Job 23:13**).

"Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: He maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart

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to all generations" (**Ps 33:8-11**).

"The LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all" (**Ps 103:19**).

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps" (**Pr 16:9**).

"There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand" (**Pr 19:21**).

"Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?" (**Pr 20:24**).

"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will" (**Pr 21:1**).

"The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand" . . . "For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" (**Isa 14:24,27**).

"So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (**Isa 55:11**).

"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and

none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest Thou?" (**Da 4:35**).

"Ah Lord GOD! behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee" (**Jer 32:17**).

"For with God nothing shall be impossible" (**Lu 1:37**).

"Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth He yet find fault? For who hath resisted His will?" (**Ro 9:19**).

Q. Does the natural man have any desire to seek God or any ability to understand the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God" (**Ro 3:11**).

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (**Joh 3:3**).

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (**1Co 2:14**).

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which be-

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lieve not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2Co 4:3-4).

What say you, dear reader? Do you believe that the great sovereign God has purposed all things—and that He shall, positively bring his purpose to pass? Is he doing that very thing in our modern world with all its troubles? Surely, He is doing His good pleasure in spite of what we see.

Shall we read some more of these bothersome questions and answers?

More Bothersome Questions and Answers

Q. Does the natural man have any ability to come to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation without God the Father graciously granting him that ability and effectually drawing him to Christ?

Answer. *"No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (Joh 6:44).*

"And He said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except it were given unto him of My Father" (Joh 6:65).

Q. Were certain members of Adam's fallen race unconditionally elected to salvation by God the Father in eternity past?

Answer. *"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will" . . . "In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Eph 1:4-5,11).*

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (2Th 2:13).

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (2Ti 1:9).

Q. Were certain members of Adam's fallen race given to the Lord Jesus Christ by God the Father in eternity past and designated as His sheep? Do all of Christ's sheep come to Him for salvation and follow Him as Lord? Were they His sheep before they repented and believed on Him?

A. *"All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (Joh 6:37).*

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"As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given" . . . "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word" . . . "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine" . . . "Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world" (Joh 17:2,6,9,24).

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd" . . . "But ye believe not, because ye are not of My sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (Joh 10:16,26-29).

Q. Were certain members of Adam's fallen race ordained to eternal life by God the Father in eternity past? Did their ordination to eternal life precede or follow their belief or faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? When were their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

A. "Praising God, and having favour with

all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Ac 2:47).

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." (Ac 13:48).

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Re 13:8).

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is" (Re 17:8).

Q. Were certain members of Adam's fallen race redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ when He shed His blood and died on the cross in their place for their sins?

A. "I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep" . . . "I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep" (Joh 10:11,14-15).

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver

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and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (**1Pe 1:18-19**).

"He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken" (**Isa 53:8**).

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins" (**Mt 1:21**).

How about it, dear reader? Are you convinced that the great Sovereign God does his pleasure with all men and all things? This is the God of the Bible—yet so many seem to have their own drawn up idea about the nature and doings of God. Many have created a god in their own image.

The absolute sovereignty of God means that God, as the Supreme Being, has an all-inclusive, eternal plan or purpose, that everything that happens in time is in fulfillment of this eternal plan, and that this eternal plan will be completely fulfilled without fail. It means that God has predetermined all things, that all things happen for a purpose, and that there is no such thing as chance, happenstance, fate, or luck. It means that God is accountable or answerable to and under the control of no one, and that everyone is accountable to Him and under His control. It means that God always does what He pleases, to whom He pleases,

when He pleases, where He pleases, how He pleases. The absolute sovereignty of God is taught throughout the Holy Bible.

a.. God is the great, powerful, glorious, victorious, majestic, exalted kingly Head above all. He owns everything and everyone that is in heaven and on earth and can do with them whatsoever He chooses (I Chron. 29:11).

a.. God reigns over all in power and might and is the source of riches, honor, greatness, and strength (I Chron. 29:12).

a.. God holds the soul of every living thing and the breath of all mankind in His hand and can do with them whatsoever He chooses (Job 12:9-10).

a.. God has self-determined, triumphant, singleness of purpose, does whatsoever His soul desires, and performs whatsoever He has decreed (Job 23:13-14).

a.. God knows everything and is able to do everything (Job 42:1-2; Mat. 19:26; Lk. 1:37).

a.. God is the Governor among the nations, and all other governors are accountable to Him and under His control (Ps. 22:28).

a.. God brings the counsel of the heathen to nought, makes the devices of the people of none effect, and causes His counsel to stand forever (Ps. 33:8-12).

a.. God's throne is above all, and His king-

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dom rules over all (Ps. 103:19).

a.. God controls the hearts, attitudes, actions, reactions, and interactions of all people (Ps. 105:24-25).

a.. God makes His people willing to do His will (Ps. 110:3; Phil. 2:13).

a.. God is in the heavens above and He does whatsoever He pleases (Ps. 115:3).

a.. God does whatsoever He pleases in heaven, in earth, in the seas, and in all deep places (Ps. 135:6).

a.. God controls man's heart and tongue (Prov. 16:1).

a.. God directs man's steps (Prov. 16:9; Jer. 10:23).

a.. God determines the outcome of every situation (Prov. 16:33).

a.. God's counsel always stands or prevails in spite of man's many devices (Prov. 19:21).

a.. God determines and directs man's goings (Prov. 20:24).

a.. God holds in His hand and completely controls the king's heart (Prov. 21:1).

a.. God brings to pass whatsoever He has purposed, and His purpose stands or prevails without ever being disannulled or turned back (Isa. 14:24-27).

a.. God forms the light and creates darkness, makes peace and creates evil, and is not accountable or answerable to man for any of His actions (Isa. 45:5-9).

a.. God's counsel or pleasure includes all past, present, and future events and is accomplished without fail or without His purpose being thwarted or defeated (Isa. 46:9-10).

a.. God's Word accomplishes His purpose or pleasure every time it goes forth and never returns to Him void (Isa. 55:6-11).

a.. God brings all things to pass, whether they be good or evil (Lam. 3:37-38).

a.. God owns all human souls and can do with them whatsoever He chooses (Ezek. 18:4).

a.. God's will of purpose is done without fail in heaven and on earth, and He is not accountable or answerable to anyone for any of His actions (Dan. 4:34-35).

a.. God is ultimately responsible for everything that happens, whether it be good or evil (Amos 3:6).

a.. God controls even the falling to the ground of the insignificant sparrow (Mat. 10:29-30).

a.. God controls even the wicked and uses them as instruments to carry out His purpose (Jn. 19:10-11).

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a.. God purposed or decreed the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2:22-24; 4:26-28).

a.. God chooses and rejects whomsoever He pleases (Rom. 9:9-14).

a.. God has mercy on whom He will have mercy, and does not have mercy on whom He will not have mercy (Rom. 9:15-18).

a.. God's will of purpose has never and will never be successfully resisted by anyone at all (Rom. 9:19).

a.. God works all things after the counsel of His own will of purpose (Eph. 1:11).

a.. God created all things for the fulfillment of His pleasure or purpose (Rev. 4:11).

After having read these questions and scriptural answers, dear reader, there must be a lot of bothersome questions in your mind. None of these questions and answers are original with me—but have been asked through the centuries. Let the Holy Scriptures speak for themselves. We do not have to fear to believe the word of God—for this is our God-given way of understanding more of him and his workings. Believe and rejoice. *"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."* (Revelation 4:11)

