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STUDY 9

THE SUPREMACY OF GOD

Psalm 50:21

God's supremacy over the works of His hands is vividly depicted in Scripture. Inanimate matter, irrational creatures, all perform their Maker's bidding. At His pleasure, the Red Sea divided and its waters stood up as walls (Exodus 14); the earth opened her mouth, and guilty rebels went down alive into the pit (Numbers 14). When He so ordered, the sun stood still (Joshua 10); and on another occasion went *backward* ten degrees on the dial of Ahaz (Isaiah 38:8). To exemplify His supremacy, He made ravens carry food to Elijah (I Kings 17), iron to swim on top of the waters (II Kings 6:5), lions to be tame when Daniel was cast into their den, fire to burn not when the three Hebrews were flung into its flames. Thus "*Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places*" (Psalm 135:6).

The absolute and universal supremacy of God is affirmed with equal plainness and positiveness in the New Testament. There we are told that God "worketh *all* things after the counsel of His own will" (Ephesians 1:11)ô the Greek for "worketh" means "to work effectually". For this reason we read, "*For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen*" (Romans 11:36). Men may boast that they are free agents, with wills of their own, and are at liberty to do as they please, but Scripture says to those who boast, "We will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell. . . Ye ought to say, *if the Lord will*" (James 4:13, 15).

Questions for discussion

1. What will not men imagine of the Lord? Psalm 50:21
2. "*But our God is in the heaven: He hath done whatever He hath pleased*" Psalm 115:3. Why has He? Proverbs 21:30
3. "*Thou thoughtest that I was altogether as thyself*" (Ps. 50:21). What does this phrase mean?
4. Why did the Judge keep silence? Psalm 50:21ô23; Luke 13:6ô8.
5. The absolute and universal supremacy of God is plainly and positively affirmed in many scriptures. Examine and explain some of these scriptures. I Chronicles 29:11ô12; II Chronicles 20:6; Job 23:13; 42:2
6. How can you describe the supremacy of the true and living God from the mightiest creatures? Psalm 2:9, 4; Isaiah 40:22; Daniel 4:35

Conclusion

"A man's heart deviseth his way: *but the Lord* directeth his steps" (Proverbs 16:9). What assurance, what strength, what comfort this should give the real Christian! "My times are in *Thy* hand" (Psalm 31:15). Then let me "*rest in the Lord*, and wait patiently for Him" (Psalm 37:7).