

God Is In Full Control

“When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, ‘Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?’ ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” (Mark 16:1-7)

The event that Christ had passed through it was not painful unto Him only but painful as well and so discouraging for the church, the body of Christ, and the disciples who were following Him. The scene of the crucifixion brought great depression on the life of the church because everything seemed destroyed; ministry greatly harmed, plans and wishes all gone and opportunities cancelled.

The disciples might be planning and programming to do a lot of things but the events of the crucifixion of Christ, the death of the leader and the head of the church, had taken away all the hope of the church, and the disciples would not know what to do.

Jesus after he entered victoriously to Jerusalem in few days time He got arrested and crucified. The disciples scattered, the process of evangelism stopped. Appointments cancelled, and not only that, even if they will go forward what they will tell the people and what message they will give to the crowd?

The question is this: “Where is the LORD?” And if He is the LORD why all that had happened! As if the Lord had abandoned the church. The disciples would not know what to do; they cannot manage and the situation beyond their power and even imagination what had happened.

But as we know that the LORD rose on the third day victoriously from the death, and hope and life restored back to the church. From the event of crucifixion and the resurrection we can conclude the following points:

1- God is on full control: God was on full control over all the events and the people and the outcome of the situation. Sometime you may pass through a hard trial and everything seems collapsed and you are in mess. But you must know very well that God is on full control over your life, over the situation, over your big problem, over the life of the people around you and over the life of the church. The Lord knows what He is doing; therefore, you need to trust Him your life when you pass through any hard trial.

2- God can handle any problem: Whatever big or complicated the problem is God can handle and manage. Some people they say, ‘You don’t know my problem,’ When it is your problem you think it is very big problem because it is your problem. But God can handle any problem, especially the big one, and you just need to trust him.

3- God has the purpose in allowing that particular problem in your life: Sometime the purpose of God clear and He will reveal it to us. But in some other occasions the purpose of God is not clear and we need to pray and ask Him to reveal His purpose why allowing such events in our lives. But in certain times God will not reveal His purpose of certain events unless we are with Him in heaven. The point here is that we cannot question God why that had happened, but we must accept that there is a purpose of God behind all events.

4- God allowed that problem to happen for our own good: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28) Sometime God allow problem to happen in peoples’ lives so that they will know Him. Sometime God allow problem to happen in peoples’ lives so that people will draw near to Him in order to become complete and mature. God allow trials and big events to happen in peoples’ lives for their own good and benefit.

5- God has His own way to solve the problem: In certain problem we may ask and wonder in our minds how the Lord will tackle our problem and how will solve them. But we must know that God had a special ways and means to solve problems as His word says in *Isaiah 55:8-9* “⁸‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD. ⁹‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’”

6- God has His own time to solve the problem: Christ died on the cross on Friday, after three days, on Sunday, He rose from the death. God solved that problem of the church in three days. But not every problem He will solve in three days, sometime more and sometime less. Anyway He is handling it!

7- Until God will come and solve the problem we need to do our small part: What the disciples and the church did when the LORD crucified? They did their part; some they run away and hide others denied him, but the women were inspired to go and buy incense and to go to the tomb and anoint his body. That what the Lord put in their heart to do, and while they were moving toward the tomb they were thinking who will roll away the big stone. But when they reached the tomb they found out the stone was rolled away and the LORD was raised from the death. We may ask, ‘Why the Lord inspired the women to go and buy incense and to come to anoint His body?’ That was the way for God to use them to be the first witnesses of His resurrection. That small part that the church did, waiting upon God to handle the drastic situation that was the way for the church to pass through the problem.

My Dear and Beloved: The same for you as you are waiting upon God to solve your problem, God will inspire you to do your small part. As you do your small part for Him God will give the hope to you to go forward as the women who went forward to the tomb of Jesus. And as you move with hope and trust on Him, you will found the blocking stone are rolled away, the problem solved and God had done His big rule and put in your heart and mouth the message of hope that bring life and hope to the world as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your assuring word to me. I put my full trust in you. Lord I will do my small part as I am waiting for you to do your big rule in solving my problem and in giving me the message of hope to encourage others, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*