

From Where I Sit . . .

IF GOD BE FOR US WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

Several years ago a few unlearned individuals started a "God Is Dead" movement. I remember reading some interesting bumper stickers during that time. One read, "My God is alive, sorry about yours!" Another said, "God isn't dead, I just talked with Him this morning!" The marvelous Good News for you and I is that God is indeed alive and powerfully revealed to us through His marvelous creation and through His marvelous Word.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork" (Psalms 19:1)

"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:19-20).

God is the great force that holds the universe together (see Heb. 1:3). The movie series Star Wars made the phrase, "May the force be with you" a popular saying, but it unfortunately left the impression that this force was mystical and abstract, something that has no personality. The Bible affirms that the force who made heaven and earth is very much a personality, and very much involved in our lives.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psa. 24:1).

"The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing" (Psa 145:15-16).

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Tim. 2:19).

What great comfort there is to the Christian to know that the God who framed the heavens and earth knows each of us and all our needs. A great hymn declares, "My Jesus knows when I am lonely. He knows each pain; He sees each tear. He understands each lonely heartache. He understands because He cares." Indeed, in the words of the Apostle Paul: "If God be for us, who can be against" (Romans 8:31-39).

So, "Be not dismayed, what ere betide. God will take care of you. Beneath His wings of love abide. God will take care of you. God will take care of you through every day, o'er all the way. He will take care of you." I find great comfort and consolation in a time of great difficulty in knowing that God is there and will see me through. We must all take a firmer grip on our faith. So many of his creation are in heaviness of heart and suffering. They need the reassurance that God loves them and knows each one of them. Obey His precious Word and walk faithfully with your God. He'll see you through.

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