

God's Amazing Transformative Power



Illusionists can be intriguing as they often seem to perform the impossible, yet for every trick there is a true viable answer to 'how' they were able to accomplish the feat. So once that 'secret' is out the illusion no longer holds the viewer in awe as it once did. But God is not an 'illusionist' dependent on slight of hand or props to accomplish the things He did and does. God is the **real** deal. The ability to 'create' and 'transform' are part of the essence of 'who' He is so making something out of nothing (the universe and our world) or transforming one thing into something else (dust into us, water into wine or tares/weeds into wheat to name just a few) comes as natural to Him as breathing to us.

It is hope invoking to know that God is transforming us as we walk this earth into something beautiful beyond our imagination and that we are not 'stuck/trapped' where we are with what we currently have or are able to get/achieve because for me that would never be enough to be worth living this life for. This world is filled with too much ugliness and sin, though there is also amazing beauty as well, to overcome the pain. But the knowledge that one day soon this world will be transformed back into the 'perfect' creation it once was, before sin and death corrupted it, where we will be free to enjoy and walk with God as Adam and Eve once did is a hope that sustains me thru all that life throws my way. To be able to see God 'create' a new Heaven and Earth when we get to the end of the Bible and the fullness of God's plan is completed will be a blessing we get to watch in awe.



It has been a long held belief for me based on my life experiences that while we walk this world we do so until the completion of the tasks God has for us and then we go home to be with Him (if we have given our lives to Him or to eternal separation from Him if that is our choice). I do not believe that **anything** ‘happens’ to us by **random** chance but is filtered thru the loving ‘hands of God’. Because God is ‘all’ knowing, ‘all’ powerful and can ‘redeem (transform)’ any situation my belief is that though many things have the potential to end our physical life God reserves the power to cease our breathing just as only He has the power to start it. This is evident in the story of Job where satan was ‘allowed’ to test Job’s trust in God by bringing all sorts of trials his way except to take his life. Even Job thru all of this said “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord”. Job 1:21 (last part of the verse).

Because God can ‘create’ life and ‘raise’ the dead (as He did with Lazarus and others) we need to see death in a different ‘light’ than we have before. One of understanding that our days are ‘numbered’ just as the hairs on our head as Job indicates in 14:5. Psalm 139:16 says “Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.” So nothing this life nor satan sends our way can change that truth since only God controls it which is reassuring to me. Understanding this has set me free because ‘knowing’ that the choices I or others make don’t change the ‘Will of God’ since they were recorded before I or they were even created. This frees us, removing a weight of responsibility not ours to bear and a freedom to walk at peace knowing that our lives and futures are in the ‘control’ and hands of our Loving Heavenly Father not some random circumstance or embittered and jealous devil whose only purpose is to cause pain to his Creator.

It is also a great relief to ‘know’ that God isn’t finished with me yet and that until He is I will walk here on this earth with the love, guidance and comfort of His Holy Spirit every step of the way. It is **humbling** to know that He has given us infinite power, resources and abilities to accomplish His perfect Will and plan for our lives and is working in and thru us to see it accomplished as in Philippians 2:13 “for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.” Since He is a ‘transformative’ Creator we can **rest** in the assurance “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6. Knowing that we have **all** that we need to succeed in accomplishing the task for which we were created and that we are not doing it by ourselves but thru the strength and power of eternal beings who love and desire relationship with us beyond our ability to even comprehend is our great hope.

So though like Job we may not understand the things God allows to touch our life and effect change in us, we have the choice and ability as Job did to embrace the truth that as in Romans 8:28 “And we know that God causes **all** things to work together for **good** to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” (bold emphasis mine) God can redeem anything!! Nothing is beyond His ability or power to achieve so we need to understand that the reality and limitations of our physical life (which Jesus came and endured for the sake of restoring relationship with us and the Father) has no affect on God’s ability to fulfill His will and promises to us. We need to come to a place where we are listening to Him, “He says, ‘Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’” Psalms 46:10

To understand ‘**who**’ He is and ‘**what**’ He is capable of yet that He is mindful of us and our feeble, sinful condition but still desires for a relationship with us despite all the evil, faithless wickedness we are capable of because who He is transcends this should silence us. It should bring us to our knees and even flat on our faces before Him. We can do it willingly throughout our life out of a heart of gratitude or begrudgingly when we are called before the Lord in Heaven at the Great White Throne judgment. (Rev. 5:13, Phil. 2:10, Romans 14:11, etc.)

Final Thought: We can find peace and hope when we realize that the God who is in control of all things is not an illusionist or fake but the **truth** of a awesome, amazing and loving Creator who turned dust into living breathing flesh and bone, water into wine and sinful lost corruptible beings into beautiful reflections of Him. May we embrace this vision of who we are being transformed into each day and thank God for His goodness and faithfulness to us.

