

Freedom from Financial Anxiety—God Is in Control

Regardless of how difficult your financial problems are, it's important to remember that God is in control. He is the all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere-present God.

After God miraculously provided all the materials and labour that were needed to build the temple, David acknowledged God's sovereignty and power by praising God as follows:

Everything in the heavens and earth is yours O Lord and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone, and you are the ruler of all mankind: your hand controls power and that might and it is at your discretion that men are made great and given strength. (1 Chron. 29: 11, 12 TLB)

Even if you find that the financial pressures are overwhelming and you are "at the end of your rope," God is still in control: "The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all" (Ps. 103:19 NASB).

God is aware of your financial problems as he watches over you: "The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy" (Ps. 145:20).

God is aware of every detail of your financial problems (Ps. 139:1–4). Although God did not cause your financial problems, he has allowed them to occur in your life. God has a purpose for any trials that his children encounter. Perhaps you have unknowingly violated one or more of his principles, in which case the purpose would be to teach you something. Or perhaps your financial problems may simply be the result of God "pruning" you with the objective of you "bearing more spiritual fruit" (John 15:2).

Either way, God is still in control. In Isaiah 46:9–11 God says,

I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.

Because God is in control, we need to trust him completely and depend solely upon him for the direction and strength that we need in dealing with all of our financial problems.