

The First Law of Spirituality

“Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.”

(Ps 115:3)

The great sovereignty belongs to the Lord of the universe. None can oppose the great plan of the almighty. “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.” (Job 42:2) The psalmist expressed this sovereignty in Psalms 135:6, “The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.” Daniel understood the greatness of God as he expressed his praises in Daniel 2:20-22. King Nebuchadnezzar experienced this law in Daniel 4:17 that “the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will...” The king expressly said, “...He does as he pleases with the power of heaven and the people of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘what have you done.’” (4:35)

The wonderful doxology of Paul “Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgment, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor? Who has ever given to God, that God shall repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.” (Rom 11:33-36)

The greatness of God lies in His sovereignty: “In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.” (Eph 1:11). The last part of this verse can be literally expressed as “He arranged everything so that all things are working out just as he planned a long time ago.”

God being God is in charge of all things: “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” (Ps 24:1). He will not tolerate any rivals to His throne. He can answer my prayers any way he chooses. Being God, He is not obligated to live up to my expectations or to explain himself to me. God is far bigger than our comprehension for His presence fills the whole universe. He is more powerful than we know, wiser than all the wisdom of the wisest men and women. His love and holiness is infinite and his ways are past finding out. He is perfect in all his perfections.

Our biblical response is let God be God and confess His Lordship before all creations (Phil 2:9-11). He’s God and we’re not. He is infinite and we are finite. He is Almighty and we are mere dust. We must worship Him as God (Ps 95:6) and we bow in full acknowledgement of our weakness and limitations at His footstool. Spiritual awakening begins when we let God be God in our lives!