

# No Authority Unless It Had Been Given You From Above

A **worldview** is the set of beliefs about fundamental aspects of reality that ground and influence all one's perceiving, thinking, knowing, and doing. One's **worldview** is also referred to as one's philosophy, philosophy of life, mindset, outlook on life, formula for life, ideology, faith, or even religion.<sup>1</sup>

## God has a purpose and counsel that **CANNOT BE THWARTED**

- Isa 46:9-11 ESV remember the former things of old; for **I am God**, and there is no other; **I am God**, and there is none like me, 10 **declaring the end from the beginning** and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, '**My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose**,' 11 calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. **I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.**

## There is no authority in this world except that which is allowed by God

- Joh 19:10-11 ESV So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? **Do you not know that I have authority** to release you and authority to crucify you?" 11 Jesus answered him, "**You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.** Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

## **Even in the hands of lawless men His purpose is carried out**

- Act 2:22-23 ESV "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know-- 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

## **Sometimes tragedies (famine) and the sins of others (brothers) actually turn out to fulfill His purpose**

- Psa 105:16-19 ESV When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, 17 he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. 18 His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; 19 until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.
- Gen 50:20 ESV As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

## SUMMARY

**Jesus is in charge** - nothing happens without his permission (remember Job)

**Jesus has a purpose** (and even though at times his purpose brings pain or suffering) - his purpose is Good

He has all authority in heaven and earth and has told us to go make disciples -

- This is what we should concern ourselves with
- I am not fearful or worried about the things the world may do (don't fear him who is able to kill the body, rather fear him who is able to destroy body and soul in hell)

<sup>1</sup> <http://web.engr.oregonstate.edu/~funkk/Personal/worldview.html>