

# My Father is Working and I am Working

## They failed to see THE FATHER WAS WORKING

Jesus had healed a lame man on the sabbath and told the man to take up his bed and go home

- Joh 5:10 ESV So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "**It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.**"
- Joh 5:17 ESV But Jesus answered them, "**My Father is working** until now, and **I am working.**"

## God is still at work...He has a purpose and a plan - this is so fundamental

Isaiah 46:9-11 Remember the former things, those of long ago; **I am God, and there is no other**; I am God, and **there is none like me**. 10 **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**. 11 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.

- **There is only one God**, and there is no one or nothing LIKE HIM - He is the creator all is created
- **OMNIPRESENT, OMNISCIENT** - He knows everything and he is not limited by time or space
- **OMNIPOTENT** I will do all that I please, I will bring about, that will I do
- Things he has created are summoned to fulfill his purpose
- He backs up His word & has the wisdom to plan and power to execute

## Nothing can frustrate the purpose of God

### **Not the counsel of nations nor the plans of men**

- Psa 33:10-11 ESV The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. 11 **The counsel of the LORD stands forever**, the plans of his heart to all generations.

### **Not natural catastrophes**

- Psa 105:16-17 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.

### **Not the evil intentions of man**

- Gen. 50: 20 **You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

### **Not religious or governmental leaders** - He raised up the Babylonians (Hab 1:5) and Persians (Isa 45:1)

- Acts 2:23 This man was handed over to you **by God's set purpose and foreknowledge**; and **you**, with the help of **wicked men, put him to death** by nailing him to the cross.
- Acts 4:27-28 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 **They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.**
- Romans 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "**I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.**"

## The question is not "Why Does God Let This Happen?" It is "What is God Doing?"

Joh 17:4 ESV I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

Eph 2:8-10 ESV For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**