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The Lord Almighty

Isaiah 40:28-

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom."

God is Self-Existent- The Lord is the creator of all things. More than that, it is he who defines the meaning, purpose and value of all things. He is the very source of life and everything in the entire creation is dependent on him. He has no beginning or end, rather ***He is*** the beginning and the end. He is literally the source of all things, he is dependent on nothing, and his power and authority is the highest of all. If He is the creator of all things, then He is the rightful owner, proprietor, and possessor of all beings, power and dominion. (**Gen 1:1, Psalm 24:1, 89:11, Ex 4:11, 9:29, Na 1:5**)

Acts 17:24-25 - 24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 neither is He served by human hands, as **though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things**; **NAS Col 1:16** - 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him. NAS

He is not dependent upon His creatures for happiness or any other thing. If God is the source of life, He therefore transcends it, and the dimension in which it exists. God is eternally ***self-dependent***. The creation of angels and men added nothing to God, for He existed billions and trillions of years (eternally) prior to their creation. He was perfectly blessed in Himself before the first creature was ever called in to being.

Job 38:4-7 - "**Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?** Tell me, if you understand. 5 Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? 6 On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone- 7 while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? NIV

You see friends it is God who gives life and breathe and everything else for all to richly enjoy. The entire creation is absolutely dependent on God for its existence. ***Both calamity and well-being come from the Lord.*** It is God who ultimately determines the events of the day. Nothing happens unless He allows it. The Lord even feeds and clothes His enemies, giving them day by day the opportunity to turn away from their sins in repentance. No one lives unless God permits, and no one dies unless God permits.

Ex 4:11 - 11 The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? **Is it not I, the LORD?**"NIV

Deut 32:39 - 39"See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; **It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded, and it is I who heal;** And there is no one who can deliver from My hand. NAS

Isa 45:6-7 - That there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, 7 The One forming light and creating darkness, **Causing well-being and creating calamity;** I am the LORD who does all these. NAS

1 Sam 2:6-8 - 6 "The **LORD kills and makes alive;** He brings down to Sheol and raises up. 7 "The LORD makes poor and rich; He brings low, He also exalts. 8 "He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap To make them sit with nobles, And inherit a seat of honor; For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, And He set the world on them. NAS

All of the beings in creation are therefore dependent upon God. He is the provider and sustainer of life. *God literally sustains everything in heaven and earth.* He determines the weather and the seasons, the rising and falling of nations and kings, indeed the entire creation is under the rule of His sovereign hand.

Job 34:14-15 - 14 If it were his intention and he withdrew his spirit and breath, 15 all mankind would perish together and **man would return to the dust.** NIV

Job 37:5-12 - 5 God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. 6 He says to the **snow**, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the **rain shower**, 'Be a mighty downpour.' 7 So that all men he has made may know his work, he stops every man from his labor. 8 The animals take cover; they remain in their dens. 9 The **tempest** comes out from its chamber, the **cold from the driving winds.** 10 The breath of God produces **ice**, and the broad waters become frozen. 11 He loads the **clouds with moisture**; he scatters his **lightning** through them. 12 **At his direction** they swirl around over the face of the whole earth to do **whatever he commands** them.

Friends, we must understand that what is happening in the world is happening at the express purpose and will of God, who rules the world and all who are in it. *He is "the Lord of Heaven and Earth"* and whatsoever happens in the world, happens because God has permitted it to happen. Although there is much evil in the world, which God hates, He is allowing these things to achieve His eternal purposes which will, without a doubt, come to pass. God not only permits the events of human history, but has ordained them from eternity past, and is furthermore actively involved in seeing that they all come to pass, fulfilling all of His plans and purposes.

Prov 16:4 - The **LORD works out everything for his own ends**--even the wicked for a day of disaster. NIV

Isa 40:21-23 - 21 Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is He who sits above the vault of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who **stretches out the heavens** like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. 23 He it is who **reduces rulers to nothing**, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless. NAS

Eph 1:11 - 11 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**, NIV

Soon and very soon God's plan will come to fulfillment. There will be nothing to hinder His eternal purposes from coming to a speedy completion. But for now He waits, giving all the gracious opportunity to repent and believe upon His Son, Jesus Christ, whom He sent to the earth as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Friend, knowing these things about God, you understand then the urgency of making your relationship right with Him today!

For the one who knows God personally, these truths are security and bring comfort. For the one who does not know God, they are fearful and dreaded terror!

Friend, won't you recognize your total and complete dependence upon Him today! Won't you thank Him for His abundant goodness to you!