

WHAT'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

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VERSE 1

Whate'er my God ordains is right, His holy will abideth;
 I will be still whate'er He does And follow where He guideth.
 He is my God, though dark my road; He holds me that I shall not fall;
 And so to Him I leave it all, And so to Him I leave it all.

VERSE 2

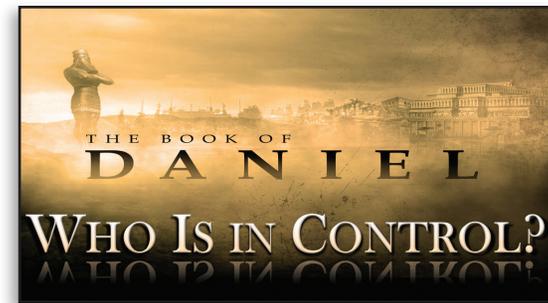
Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me;
 He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me.
 I take, content, what He has sent; His hand can turn my griefs away;
 And patiently I wait His day, And patiently I wait His day.

VERSE 3

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Though now this cup in drinking
 May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, unshrinking.
 My God is true, each morn anew Sweet comfort yet shall
 fill my heart;
 And pain and sorrow shall depart, And pain and sorrow shall depart.

VERSE 4

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Here shall my stand be taken;
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken.
 My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall,
 And so to Him I leave it all, And so to Him I leave it all.



A SOVEREIGN GOD SHEDS LIGHT

A Study of Daniel 9



God is sovereign over –

- those in unbelief, directing them in His hand,
- those in unbelief, granting mercy, grace, and revelation,
- the design and destiny of nations, working His plan and purpose,
- our trials, displaying His gift of faith.

1. God Reveals His Will to Daniel: The 70-Year Captivity Plan (Dan. 9:2)

- a. Jeremiah 25:11-12 – prophecy of 70-year captivity
- b. Jeremiah 27:5-7 – prophecy of Babylonians kings to rule

- c. Jeremiah 29:10-14 – fulfillment of prophetic word
- d. Leviticus 25:1-7 – the law of the Sabbath

2. God Prompts Daniel to Prayer (vv. 3-19)

- a. vs. 3 – Daniel gives God his undivided attention:
 - i. turns his face (focus)
 - ii. seeks Him (action)
 - iii. fasts (appetite)
 - iv. dons sackcloth and ashes (experience of touch and smell)
- b. vs. 4 – Daniel acknowledges the Character of God:
 - I. LORD God : Adonai Elohim
 - II. LORD my God : Yahweh (YHWH), personal Elohim
 - (a.) great and awesome
 - (b.) covenant keeper with steadfast love
- c. vv. 5-6 – Daniel acknowledges the condition of the people:
 - i. in sin – have missed the mark
 - ii. are wrong – are bent, twisted
 - iii. are wicked – make trouble
 - iv. have rebelled – audaciously gone against
 - v. refused to listen to prophets – ears are not bent toward God’s word

- d. vv. 7-14 – Daniel acknowledges Contrast and Consequences:
 - i. Righteousness vs. Open Shame – led to being driven out (vv. 7-8)
 - ii. Mercy and Forgiveness vs. Rebellion and Disobedience – led to calamity (vv. 9-14)
- e. vv. 15-19 – Daniels asks for mercy and forgiveness based on God’s Name:
 - i. The Name that delivered Israel from Egypt (v. 15)
 - ii. The Name that identifies His sanctuary and city (vv. 16-18)
 - iii. The Name that hears, forgives, pays attention, acts, and does not delay (v. 19)

3. God Answers Daniel’s Prayer (vv. 20-27)

– coming next week –

TRUE PRAYER IS

- » In response to God’s Word, grounded in God’s will (Daniel 9:2)
- » Characterized by fervency (Daniel 9:3)
- » Characterized by self-denial (Daniel 9:4)
- » Identified unselfishly with God’s people (Daniel 9:5)
- » Strengthened by confession (Daniel 9:5-15)
- » Dependent on God’s character (Daniel 9:4,7,9,15)
- » Has as its goal God’s glory (Daniel 9:16, 17, 18, 19)