



TimeWatch - For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

The Learning Forum: God Overrules

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God's protective care

Nothing can happen in any part of the universe without the knowledge of Him who is omnipresent. Not a single event of human life is unknown to our Maker. While Satan is constantly devising evil, the Lord our **God overrules all**, so that it will not harm **His obedient, trusting children**. The same power that controls the boisterous waves of the ocean can hold in check all the power of rebellion and of crime. God says to one as to the other, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no farther." *{FLB 61.3}*

Abandoning the faith

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition.--*GC 608 (1911). {LDE 180.6}*

Rebellion will be repeated (Both active and passive)

The history of the rebellion of Dathan and Abiram is being repeated, and will be repeated till the close of time. Who will be on the Lord's side? Who will be deceived, and in their turn become deceivers?-- *Letter 15, 1892. {LDE 173.2}*

In the absence of persecution

In the absence of the persecution there have drifted into our ranks men who appear sound and their Christianity unquestionable, but who, if persecution should arise, would go out from us.-- *Ev 360 (1890). {LDE 174.1}*

Defections among Church Leaders

Many a star that we have admired for its brilliance will then go out in darkness.--*PK 188 (c. 1914). {LDE 178.3}*

God calls for strong men

Let all bear in mind that the Christian ministrations are not a work for drones. God calls for men who will do and dare danger. Hold no parleying with Satan, but meet him with "It is written." "Quit you like men, be strong." Faith alone, unfeigned, can be the basis of our actions and prove by a clean, pure example that it is possible to be active, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Rom. 12:11), and then all commercial enterprises will be conducted on Bible principles. . . . {HP 277.2}

There will be weak leaders

Men whom He has greatly honored will, in the closing scenes of this earth's history, pattern after ancient Israel. . . . A departure from the great principles Christ has laid down in His teachings, a working out of human projects, using the Scriptures to justify a wrong course of action under the perverse working of Lucifer, will confirm men in misunderstanding, and the truth that they need to keep them from wrong practices will leak out of the soul like water from a leaky vessel.--
13MR 379, 381 (1904). {LDE 178.4}

God overrules

When those who profess to love Him complain of His providence, despise His promises, and, yielding to temptation, unite with evil angels to defeat the purposes of God, **the Lord often so overrules circumstances** as to bring these persons where, though they may have no real repentance, they will be convinced of their sin and will be constrained to acknowledge the wickedness of their course and the justice and goodness of God in His dealings with them. It is thus that God sets counteragencies at work to make manifest the works of darkness. {PP 393.1}

Weeding out of those not appointed

The great issue so near at hand [enforcement of Sunday laws] will weed out those whom God has not appointed and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.--
3SM 385 (1886). {LDE 179.2}

We're called upon to stand firm

When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few--this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.--5T 136 (1882). {LDE 180.4}

God uses simple means

Because of the pride and ambition of the children of men, God has chosen to perform his mighty works by the most simple and humble means. It is not the men whom the world honors as great, talented, or brilliant, that God selects. He chooses those who will work in meekness and simplicity, acknowledging him as their leader and their source of strength. He would have us

make him our protector and our guide in all the duties and affairs of life. *{ST, July 14, 1881 par. 11}*

God overrules

We are to have faith in the living God who made the world and all things that are therein, and who **overrules** all events to His own name's glory. We are to be examples to the world, as those who uphold the everlasting principles of truth, justice, and purity. We are to have faith in Christ, faith in His power to redeem the soul and keep it in perfect peace. The world's Redeemer will draw us to Himself with the cords of a man, with bands of love. *{10MR 240.1}*

Running with patience

In the heavenly race we can all run and all receive the prize. There is no uncertainty, no risk, in the matter. We must put on the heavenly graces, and with the eye directed upward to the crown of immortality, keep the Pattern ever before us. . . . The humble, self-denying life of our divine Lord we are to keep constantly in view. And then as we seek to imitate Him, keeping our eye upon the mark of the prize, we can run this race with certainty, knowing that if we do the very best we can we shall certainly secure the prize. . . . *{HP 276.2}*

You must choose

There are many who come to the Saviour in a feeble way. They receive baptism and yet there is no apparent change in their character. But I warn you, be careful how you settle down in the middle walk between spirituality and worldliness. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matt. 6:24). You will be wholly on one side or the other. . . . Christ draws to His side; Satan hangs out every attraction to draw on his side. Whom will you choose? Under whose banner will you stand? *{HP 277.5}*