

WHEN GOD IS FOR US

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 5:38-39 NIV
ROMANS 8:31 NIV

INTRODUCTION

THERE IS POWER IN KNOWING GOD'S PURPOSE, AND IN OPERATING IN HIS WILL. THERE IS A PRINCIPAL THAT STATES WHEN WE ARE ON GOD'S SIDE, WITHIN HIS WILL, NO ENEMY CAN PERMANENTLY OVERCOME US.

I. IF THE PURPOSE ORIGINATES WITH MAN, IT WILL FAIL

ACTS 5:38 NIV THEREFORE, IN THE PRESENT CASE I ADVISE YOU: LEAVE THESE MEN ALONE! LET THEM GO! FOR IF THEIR PURPOSE OR ACTIVITY IS OF HUMAN ORIGIN, IT WILL FAIL.

A. LEARN TO TEST THE PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE

1 JOHN 4:1A NIV DEAR FRIENDS, DO NOT BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TEST THE SPIRITS TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE FROM GOD....

B. DETERMINE THE ORIGIN OF THE MATTER

JOHN 3:6 NIV FLESH GIVES BIRTH TO FLESH, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVES BIRTH TO SPIRIT.

C. GET ON GOD'S SIDE

ROMANS 8:8 NIV THOSE CONTROLLED BY THE SINFUL NATURE CANNOT PLEASE GOD.

II. TO OVERCOME DIVINE PURPOSE, ONE MUST OVERCOME GOD

ACTS 5:39B NIV ...YOU WILL ONLY FIND YOURSELVES FIGHTING AGAINST GOD.

A. FIGHTING AGAINST GOD IS NEVER WITHOUT CONSEQUENCE

2 CHRONICLES 36:15-17a, c THE LORD, THE GOD OF THEIR FATHERS, SENT WORD TO THEM THROUGH HIS MESSENGERS AGAIN AND AGAIN, BECAUSE HE HAD PITY ON HIS PEOPLE

AND ON HIS DWELLING PLACE. BUT THEY MOCKED GOD'S MESSENGERS, DESPISED HIS WORDS AND SCOFFED AT HIS PROPHETS UNTIL THE WRATH OF THE LORD WAS AROUSED AGAINST HIS PEOPLE AND THERE WAS NO REMEDY. HE BROUGHT UP AGAINST THEM THE KING OF THE BABYLONIANS ...GOD HANDED ALL OF THEM OVER TO NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

B. FIGHTING AGAINST GOD PLACES YOU IN A "NO WIN" SCENARIO

REVELATION 6:17 KJV FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME, AND WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?

III. IF THE PURPOSE ORIGINATES WITH GOD, IT CANNOT BE STOPPED

ACTS 5:39A NIV BUT IF IT IS FROM GOD, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP THESE MEN....

ROMANS 8:31 NIV WHAT, THEN, SHALL WE SAY IN RESPONSE TO THIS? IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

A. GOD WILL FINISH WHAT HE HAS BEGUN
PHILIPPIANS 1:6 NIV BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.

B. GOD CHANGES US FROM ORDINARY MEN TO OVERCOMERS

REVELATION 12:11A NIV THEY OVERCAME HIM BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY....