



## A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



### *“Our God Reigns!”*

It is normal for us humans to want to be in total control of our lives, but where does God fit into that? This is a question most of us wrestle with and as a result, when difficult times come we often are

left shaken and confused. Our faith feels more like a thin thread that we cling to than a solid rock on which we stand.

Most of us recognize that God needs to have at least some place in our lives, but unfortunately, our theology often places Him in a position of subordination to us. With great joy, we lift our hands and sing, "Our God reigns" but at the same time believe that He must do whatever we ask. Inevitably this will lead to problems because sooner or later God will do something that does not fit your theology and when He does He will not ask your permission. This is an absolute that will never change.

#### **Psalm 135:6 AMP**

6 Whatever the Lord pleases, He does...

#### **Psalm 115:3 King James Version**

3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

#### **Isaiah 41:4 ERV**

4 Who was able to make all this happen? Who controlled the lives of everyone from the beginning? I, the Lord, am the one. I was here at the beginning, and I will be here when all things are finished.

In spite of what these verses say, many embrace a belief system that takes away the sovereignty of Almighty God and puts them in charge. As a result, they find themselves asking, "Where is God? Why doesn't He fix this?" Some tell us it is because we lack faith while others come up with a ridiculously simple explanation that only creates more questions. They say, "When bad things happen just remember that all good things come from God and all bad things come from the devil." Now that explains everything! But, isn't God more powerful than the devil and if so, why doesn't He intervene? We cannot comprehend that God would do something different than what we want.

In the book of Isaiah God says something about himself that answers a lot of questions.

#### **Isaiah 45:7 King James Version**

7 I form the light, and create darkness: **I make peace, and create evil:** I the Lord do all these things.

How can He be good if He creates evil? The word "evil" used in this verse means adversity, affliction, calamity, distress, hurt, sorrow, trouble, and ill. Why would a good God create these things?

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Only God has the answers to those questions and anything we might conjure up can only be speculation. But could one answer be that He wants us to wake up to the fact that there are consequences for how we chose to live?

America is a good example. Right now America is heading toward complete destruction, and unfortunately, we can't seem to see it. We have thrown God and prayer out of our schools and in spite of the fact that almost every week there is another mass shooting we carry on as if somehow everything will be okay. The liberals tell us the problem is guns and that the only way to fix it is to disarm America. How foolish! America does not have a gun problem, America has a heart problem. If God loves America He will do exactly what He says in Isaiah 45:7. He will create adversity, distress, sorrow, and trouble until America wakes up. He will bring America to its knees, either in total defeat or in desperate repentance. **Isn't it wonderful, we get to be in charge and choose which it will be.**

If this runs contrary to what you have always believed about God then you need to change what you believe. Those who see God only as a giver of good gifts need to admit that they are failing to read and accept the entire message of the Bible.

**Hebrews 12:6 AMPC**

6 For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves..

The more I study my Bible, the more I am convinced that the God I serve is sovereign, supreme, and the everlasting ruler of the universe.

**I can trust Him!**

He was here before time began and He will be here when time is no more. He is the Alpha and the

Omega, the beginning and the end. He does whatever He pleases and even though I am not always good with it, I am totally convinced that He has never made a mistake and never will. This is why I put my trust in Him and submit my entire life to Him. I would much rather have Him in control than me.

**He is the rock on which I stand!**

**Daniel 7:14 VOICE**

14 To Him was given authority, honor, and a kingdom so that all people of every heritage, nationality, and language might serve Him. His dominion will last forever, His throne will never pass away, and His kingdom will never be destroyed.

