

# HIGHER AIM WITH DR. CURT DODD

## God's Unchanging Promise

*Saved And Secure | Part 2 | Romans 11:29*

### INTRODUCTION

When we look at the news, it is easy to feel uncertain. We see nations in turmoil and leaders making decisions that will have global consequences. It is natural to feel a sense of angst. Yet, as believers, we are called to view the world through a different lens. We must understand that nothing happening in our world, from political shifts in the Middle East to cultural changes at home, is outside of God's sovereign plan. God is in charge, and His purposes are not limited by human governments or cultural trends.

This gives us a firm place to stand. Our confidence is not in political parties or worldly solutions, but in the unchanging Word of God. This is our guide, our direction, and our source of confidence for the future. As we see God moving prophetically on the world stage, it reminds us of a deeper, more personal truth: the promises He makes to His children are just as certain. If His power has no limits in the world, then His grace has no limits in our hearts.

### KEY POINTS

#### 1. God's Power Is Not Limited By World Events

The Bible tells us that “the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.” This truth should anchor us when we see global instability. God is sovereign over every ruler and every nation. He can use anyone and any situation to accomplish His perfect will. Our response, therefore, should not be fear or panic, but faithful intercession. We are called to pray for our leaders, not because we always agree with them, but because we trust the God who is ultimately in control. This perspective frees us from the anxiety of the daily news cycle and calls us to a higher purpose: praying for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Faithfulness does not mean the absence of struggle; it means trusting God in the midst of it. Instead of being consumed by fear over current events, we are called to be faithful in prayer. This is not a passive act, but a powerful expression of our trust in God's unlimited sovereignty. Your prayers for our nation's leaders, for the believers in persecuted countries, and for peace are not unheard. They are a vital part of aligning our hearts with God's purposes. This week, commit to replacing five minutes of watching the news with five minutes of praying for our leaders and our world. This quiet act of obedience is a powerful witness to your trust in a God whose plan is never thwarted.

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### 2. God's Truth Is Not Limited By Culture

In a world that constantly shifts its moral compass, we are called to stand firm on the unchanging Word of God. As believers, we must resist the temptation to bend to the culture or create a belief system based on what is popular or comfortable. God's Word does not evolve; it endures. A genuine sign of a transformed life is the desire to obey His Word in every area, from our finances and relationships to our emotional decisions. It means we do not rip out the pages of Scripture that challenge us. Instead, we allow the whole counsel of God to shape us into the image of Christ, unapologetically and with conviction.

Before we worry about the direction of the culture, we must ask whether Christ is shaping our hearts and our homes. True faithfulness begins with personal obedience. This week, take a quiet inventory of your life. Are there areas where you have allowed cultural thinking to guide you more than biblical truth? Perhaps it is in how you handle your money, the entertainment you consume, or how you engage in relationships. Ask God to reveal one area where He is calling you to align more closely with His Word. True transformation is not about trying harder; it is about surrendering more fully to the truth that has no limits.

### 3. God's Grace Is Not Limited By Our Failures

One of the most powerful truths in Scripture is that of our eternal security in Christ. *Romans 11:29* states, "for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." Salvation is a gift. You did not earn it, and therefore you cannot lose it. If you have truly acknowledged your sin and placed your faith in Jesus Christ, your eternal destiny is secure. This reality should not lead to complacency, but to profound confidence. It frees you from the fear that you are not good enough or that one mistake could separate you from God's love. His grace is not limited by your performance. It is an unchanging promise sealed by the work of Christ on the cross.

Living in the assurance of God's irrevocable grace changes everything. It moves your faith from being a performance based on fear to a relationship built on love and trust. This security empowers you to serve God boldly, love others freely, and take risks for the Gospel, knowing that your identity is secure in Him. This is the legacy we are called to leave for the next generation: not a legacy of anxious rule-following, but one of joyful, confident obedience that flows from a heart secure in God's unlimited grace. What your children and grandchildren see in your confident walk with Christ may speak louder than anything you ever say.

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. When you see unsettling world events, is your first response prayer and trust in God's sovereignty, or fear and anxiety? What is one practical step you can take to cultivate a response of faithful prayer?
2. Dr. Dodd challenges us to align every area of our lives with God's Word. In which area, for example your finances, relationships, or entertainment, do you feel most pressured to conform to the culture? How can you look to Scripture for guidance in that area this week?
3. How does the truth that God's gift of salvation is irrevocable (*Romans 11:29*) change how you view your own mistakes and God's love for you? How can this assurance empower you to live more boldly for Christ?

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