
GENESIS
IN THE BEGINNING, GOD

# Genesis 24:1-4

**24** Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the
LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. [2] And Abraham
said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge
of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh, [3] that I may
make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the
earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters
of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, [4] but will go to my
country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.”

# Genesis 24:5-6

5 The servant said to him, “Perhaps the woman may not be willing
to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the
land from which you came?” 6 Abraham said to him, “See to it that
you do not take my son back there.”

# Genesis 24:7-9

7 “The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father’s
house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and
swore to me, ‘To your offspring I will give this land,’ he will send
his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son there.
8 But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be
free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back
there.” 9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham
his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

# Genesis 24:10-11

10 Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and
departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he
arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. 11 And he
made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water
at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw
water.

# Genesis 24:12-14

12 And he said, “O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant
me success today and show steadfast love to my master
Abraham. 13 Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the
daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water.
14 Let the young woman to whom I shall say, ‘Please let down your
jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink and I will water your
camels’—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your
servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast
love to my master.”

# Genesis 24:15-16

15 Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was
born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s
brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder. 16 The young
woman was very attractive in appearance, a maiden whom no
man had known. She went down to the spring and filled her jar
and came up.

# Genesis 24:17-21

17 Then the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please give me a
little water to drink from your jar.” 18 She said, “Drink, my lord.”
And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a
drink. 19 When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will
draw water for your camels also, until they have finished
drinking.” 20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran
again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels.
21 The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the LORD had
prospered his journey or not.



# Genesis 24:22-25

22 When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold
ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms
weighing ten gold shekels, 23 and said, “Please tell me whose
daughter you are. Is there room in your father’s house for us to
spend the night?” 24 She said to him, “I am the daughter of
Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.” 25 She
added, “We have plenty of both straw and fodder, and room to
spend the night.”

# Genesis 24:26-28

26 The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD 27 and said,
“Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has
not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my
master. As for me, the LORD has led me in the way to the house of
my master’s kinsmen.” 28 Then the young woman ran and told her
mother’s household about these things.

# Genesis 24:29-31

29 Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban. Laban ran
out toward the man, to the spring. 30 As soon as he saw the ring and
the bracelets on his sister’s arms, and heard the words of Rebekah
his sister, “Thus the man spoke to me,” he went to the man. And
behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring. 31 He said,
“Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside? For I
have prepared the house and a place for the camels.”

# Genesis 24:32-33

[32] So the man came to the house and unharnessed the camels, and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and there was water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. [33] Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, “I will not eat until I have said what I have to say.” He said, “Speak on.”

# Genesis 24:34-38

[34] So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. [35] The LORD has greatly
blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him
flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female
servants, camels and donkeys. [36] And Sarah my master’s wife bore
a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given all
that he has. [37] My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take
a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose
land I dwell, [38] but you shall go to my father’s house and to my clan
and take a wife for my son.’

# Genesis 24:39-41

39 I said to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’
40 But he said to me, ‘The LORD, before whom I have walked, will
send his angel with you and prosper your way. You shall take a wife
for my son from my clan and from my father’s house. 41 Then you
will be free from my oath, when you come to my clan. And if they
will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.’

# Genesis 24:42-44

42 “I came today to the spring and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my
master Abraham, if you are now prospering the way that I go,
43 behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who
comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a
little water from your jar to drink,” 44 and who will say to me, “Drink,
and I will draw for your camels also,” let her be the woman whom
the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

# Genesis 24:45-47

45 “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah
came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to
the spring and drew water. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ 46 She
quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I
will give your camels drink also.’ So I drank, and she gave the
camels drink also. 47 Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’
She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore
to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms.

# Genesis 24:48-49

48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the
LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right
way to take the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son.
49 Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and
faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may
turn to the right hand or to the left.”

# Genesis 24:50-51

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, “The thing has
come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good.
51 Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be
the wife of your master’s son, as the LORD has spoken.”

# Genesis 24:52-55

52 When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed
himself to the earth before the LORD. 53 And the servant brought
out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to
Rebekah. He also gave to her brother and to her mother costly
ornaments. 54 And he and the men who were with him ate and
drank, and they spent the night there. When they arose in the
morning, he said, “Send me away to my master.” 55 Her brother and
her mother said, “Let the young woman remain with us a while, at
least ten days; after that she may go.”

# Genesis 24:56-59

56 But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the LORD has
prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master.”
57 They said, “Let us call the young woman and ask her.” 58 And they
called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She
said, “I will go.” 59 So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her
nurse, and Abraham’s servant and his men.

# Genesis 24:60-61

60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“Our sister, may you become
thousands of ten thousands,
and may your offspring possess
the gate of those who hate him!”

61 Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

# Genesis 24:62-65

62 Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling
in the Negeb. 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward
evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were
camels coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she
saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel 65 and said to the
servant, “Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?” The
servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered
herself.

# Genesis 24:66-67

66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.
67 Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

1. Why is this story in the bible?

2. What does this story mean for me?

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# providence

[**prov**-i-*duhns*]

*noun.*

> The protective care and guidance of God over his creatures and creation.

# sovereignty

[**sov**-rin-tee, *suhv*-]

*noun.*

> Supreme power or authority, especially over a state, territory, or people.

# deism

[**dee**-iz-uhm]

*noun.*

> Belief in the existence of a God who created the universe but does not intervene in its affairs.

1. God is all good, but not all powerful.

2. God is all powerful, but not all good.

3. God is all good and all powerful, but he left us to the randomness of nature.

# unconscious deism

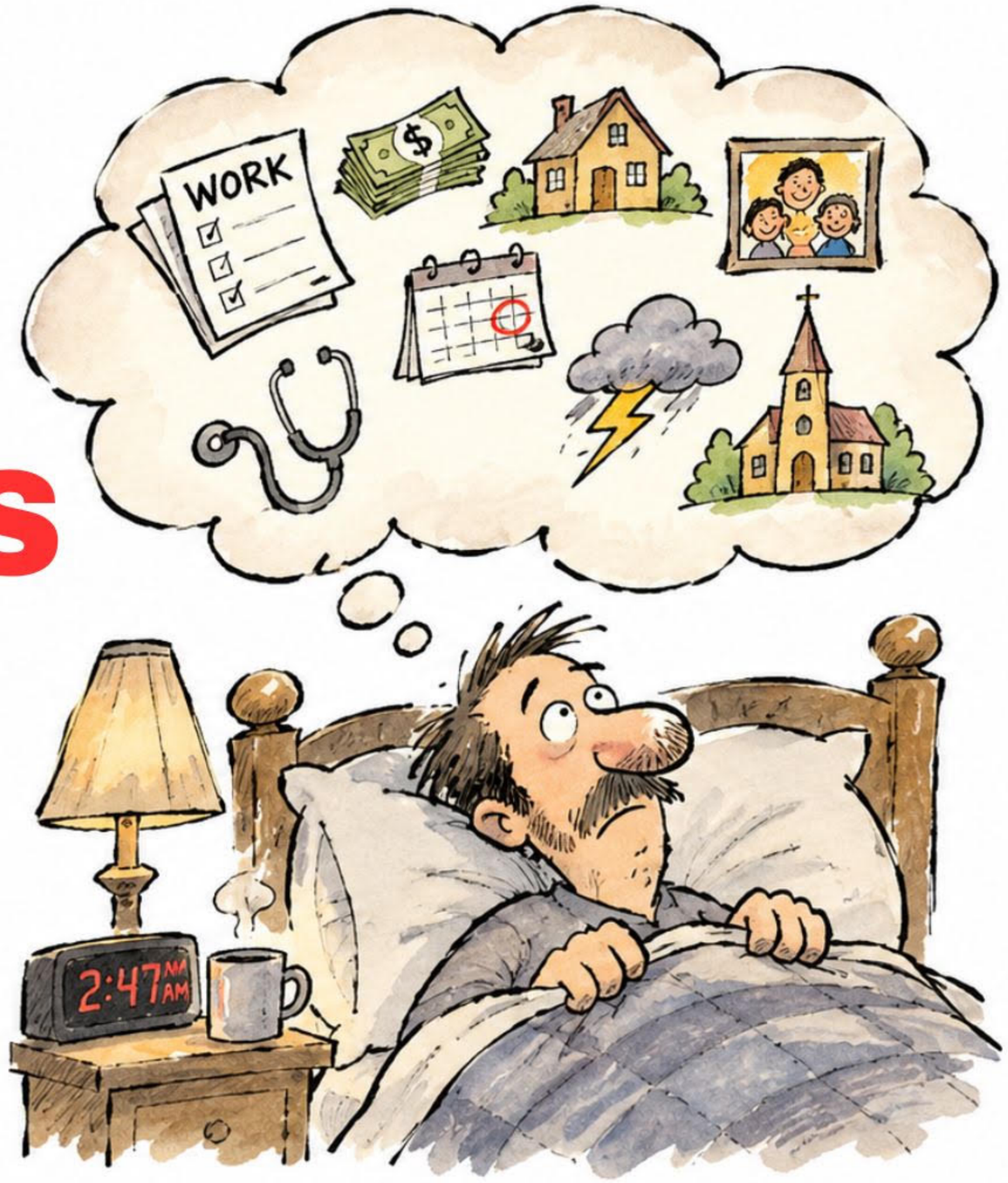
[uhn-**kon**-shuhs **dee**-iz-uhm]

*noun.*

> The unrecognized tendency to live as though God is distant or uninvolved in everyday life, despite consciously believing in his sovereignty and providence.

# You Might Be An UNCONSCIOUS DEIST

## If...



# bitterness

[**bit**-er-nis]

*noun.*

> Deep-seated resentment, anger, or hostility arising from a sense of having been wronged or treated unfairly.

# Matthew 10:29-31

[29] Are not too sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will
fall to the ground apart from your Father. [30] But even the hairs of
your head are numbered. [31] Fear not, therefore; you are of more
value than many sparrows.

# Psalm 147:8-9

8 He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares the rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
9 He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

The heart of man plans his way,
but the LORD establishes his steps.

*- Proverbs 16:9*

Many are the plans in the mind of a man,
but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

*- Proverbs 19:21*

Consider the work of God:
who can make straight what he has made crooked?

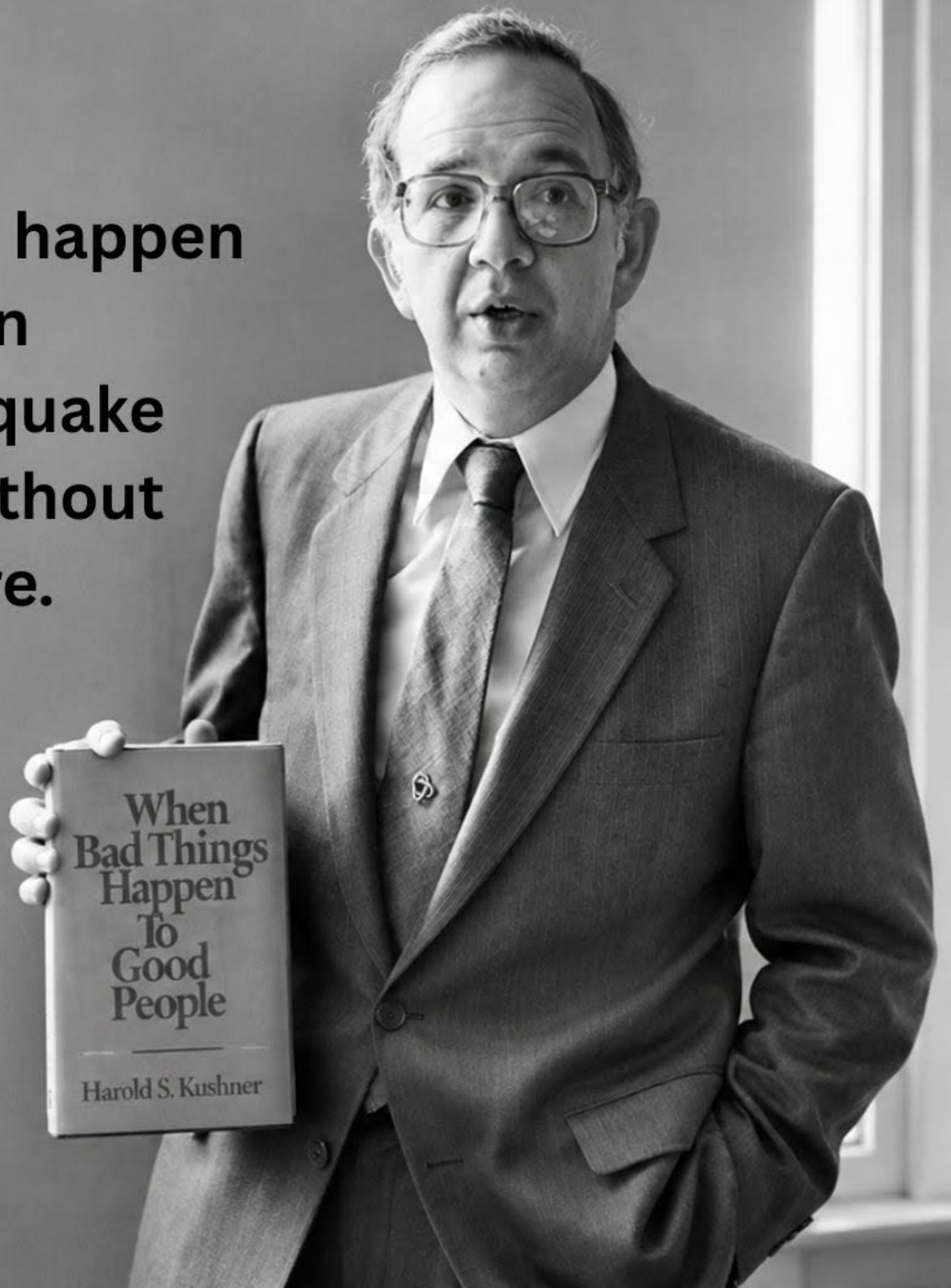
*- Ecclesiastes 7:13*

Who has spoken and it came to pass,
unless the LORD has commanded it?

*- Lamentations 3:37*

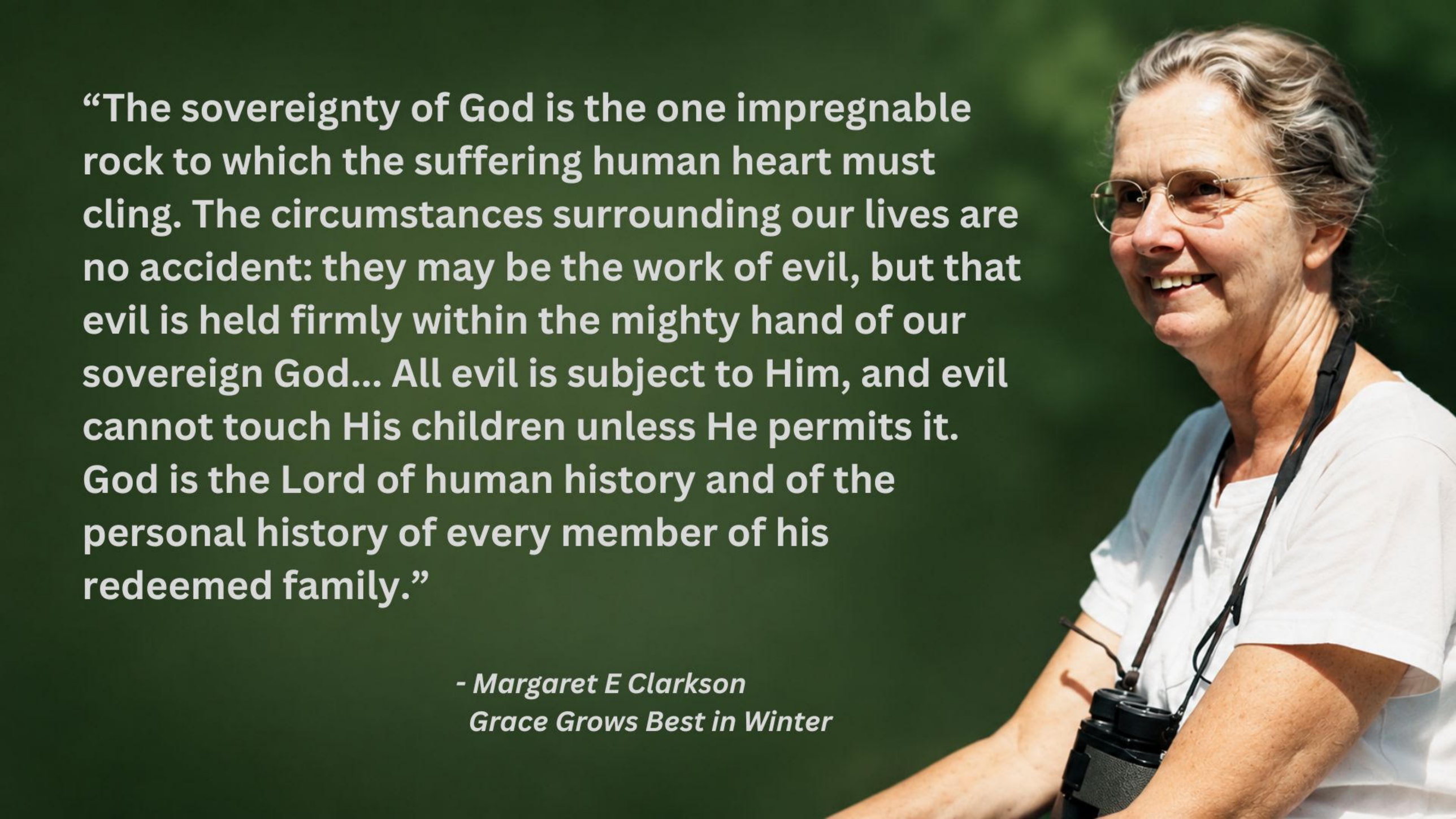
**“Can you accept the idea that some things happen for no reason, that there is a randomness in the universe? I don’t believe that an earthquake that kills thousands of innocent victims without reason is an act of God. It is an act of nature. Nature is morally blind, without values. It churns along, following its own laws, not caring who or what gets in the way.”**

***- Rabbi Harold Kushner***
***When Bad Things Happen***
***To Good People***



“The sovereignty of God is the one impregnable rock to which the suffering human heart must cling. The circumstances surrounding our lives are no accident: they may be the work of evil, but that evil is held firmly within the mighty hand of our sovereign God... All evil is subject to Him, and evil cannot touch His children unless He permits it. God is the Lord of human history and of the personal history of every member of his redeemed family.”

*- Margaret E Clarkson*
*Grace Grows Best in Winter*



# Romans 8:28

[28] And we know that for those who love God *all things* work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

2. What does this story mean for me?

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# Philippians 4:6-7

[6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus.

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