



## [Psalm 135:3-6](#)

(3) Praise the LORD, for the LORD *is* good;  
Sing praises to His name, for *it is* pleasant.

(4) For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself,  
Israel for His special treasure. (5) For I know that the LORD *is* great,  
And our Lord *is* above all gods.

(6) Whatever the LORD pleases He does,  
In heaven and in earth,  
In the seas and in all deep places.

*New King James Version*

Since [God](#) is God, who can dare challenge His prerogative? Who can dare call Him into account for the way in which He deals with us or those we feel close to? Do we, in our limited perception, frequently become critical or frustrated with the way God is handling affairs? When this happens, we are in reality leaving God out of the picture. Where is our [faith](#) in His character or His lovingkindness? To murmur against Him is rank rebellion. To question His ways in the wrong attitude is to impugn His power, [wisdom](#), and rights. We should never forget what [Isaiah 40:17-18](#) says of Him whom we serve: "All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless. To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?"

We can see that God has created all of nature with great diversity. The laws of nature, also set in motion by God, operate and keep everything under control. Is it really necessary for Him to manage or govern His creation actively? [Psalm 22:28](#) reminds us, "For the kingdom is the LORD'S, and He rules over the nations." The King James version reads, "He is the governor over the nations," but rule is what a governor does. He rules, manages, keeps under control, or directs according to His own purpose.

Did God create all things and then step away from what He had made, allowing it to

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operate on its own? Are we now subject to uniform, impersonal law rather than a sovereign God actively controlling the operations of His creation? Everywhere the Bible confirms that God is actively involved in managing His creation—and no part of His creation receives more attention than the supreme, ongoing creation He is working in our lives, the creation of His image in us. This almighty, sovereign God has His attention focused on His church, and we can have faith in that. There is nothing in its existence of which He is not aware and that is not subject to His sovereign dictates.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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