

John 8:13-30, John 8:17, Matthew 27:54, John 7:8, John 8:20

“When you have lifted up the Son of man you will know that I am He”

“My time has not yet come”

How are we to understand the Biblical reality that God is sovereignly unfolding His purposes in the earth?

How does this knowledge impact my life?

1. God is actively working in His creation

Psalms 135:5-7, Job 38:4, 12-13, 22-23, 33-35, 41 NLT, Hebrews 1:3a, Psalm 22:28, Daniel 2:21, Psalm 139:1-3, Daniel 4:34b-35, Psalm 96:1-5, 10a

Through the lens of Deism God doesn't get the credit or the blame for anything in His creation

- God is actively working in the physical earth
- God is actively working in the nations
- God is actively working in the affairs of humanity

2. God's providential care does not negate our personal freedom or responsibility

Genesis 2:15-17, Proverbs 16:9, Genesis 37:2-3, Genesis 37:5-6, Genesis 37:18-20, Genesis 45:3-8

How does this knowledge impact my life?

3. God's providential care crushes our pride and provides pillows for our panic

Daniel 4:30b, Daniel 4:37, Psalm 124:1a, Luke 12:6-7, John 8:20, Acts 2:22-23, John 10:18, Revelation 13:8

The rearview mirror teaches how we should evaluate our life

“Providence may be seen as the finger of God, not merely in those events which shake nations and are duly emblazoned on the pages of history—but in little incidents of common life. Divine Providence is a downy pillow for an aching head—and a blessed salve for the sharpest pain. He who can feel that his times are in the hand of God—need not tremble at anything that is in the hand of man!”

—Charles Spurgeon