

# How much is God involved in our lives?

Some people believe God is not involved in our lives at all; others think he determines every event in our lives in advance.

The Bible tells us he is involved in many events and does care about us but that he does not determine everything in advance or force us to do his bidding.

Isaiah 46:9-11 says, "Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it."

This shows that God can foresee the future and that he gets involved in whatever he needs to in order to accomplish his purposes. One of his purposes is discussed in Isaiah 45:18: "For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!): 'I am the LORD, and



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there is no other."

In order to prevent this purpose from failing, he takes measures to protect the earth, so it remains inhabitable. Environmentalists bemoan the conditions of the earth today and say it is only a matter of time before pollution renders it uninhabitable.

If God allowed that to happen, his purpose would fail. Revelation 11:18 says, "The nations raged, but thy wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, for rewarding thy servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear thy name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

A time will come when God will step in and permanently end the destruction of the earth. In the meantime, he is able but chooses not to stop all pollution and other damage to the earth. Why?

One reason is that he created humans in his image, with free will. He allows us to make our own choices and to prove that we appreciate all he has done for us.

Romans 14:12 says, "So each of us shall give account of himself to God."

While God gives us the freedom to make choices, we are accountable to him for our choices. As the verse from Revelation says, a time will come for him to judge everyone and to reward the good and destroy the wicked.

But he doesn't leave us on our own in making our choices; he had the Bible recorded to give us guidelines to help us make the right choices.

While God doesn't control every event on earth, he is involved in our lives. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

That was not the act of an apathetic God who leaves humankind to our own devices. He took a huge

step and made an enormous sacrifice to provide us salvation. And he has done things to help individuals who serve him.

Acts 5 tells us of a time when Peter and other apostles preached the "good news of Christ" to people and cured many. Acts 5:17-20 says, "Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, 'Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.'"

How do we know God doesn't get involved in every event in our lives? Is it his fault when something bad happens to us?

Galatians 6:7 says, "Do not be misled: God is not one to be mocked. For whatever a man is sowing, this he will also reap."

Sometimes when bad things happen to people, it's their own fault. For example, if someone drives recklessly and is involved in an accident, it is his fault. If someone commits a crime and is arrested, it

is his fault when he spends time in jail. When we make the wrong decisions, there are consequences.

But sometimes good or bad events just happen to us, not as a result of anything we have done, but because of other events and people around us.

Ecclesiastes 9:11 says, "I returned to see under the sun that the swift do not have the race, nor the mighty ones the battle, nor do the wise also have the food, nor do the understanding ones also have the riches, nor do even those having knowledge have the favor; because time and unforeseen occurrence befall them all."

No matter what we do, and no matter how skilled we are or what we have, bad things can happen to us, just because. And good things can happen, just because.

When 3,000 people were killed in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, it was not because of anything they did wrong, nor because God wanted them to die. It was because terrorist hijacked airplanes and flew them into buildings.

Many people who normally would have been there weren't, and

thus lived. Did God intervene to limit the number who died? It's impossible to be sure. He is capable of taking such a step, but he didn't necessarily do so.

If someone feels he has had God's protection, no one can tell him for sure that he did or didn't. Only God knows for sure.

But we know for sure God will act in the future to save all obedient mankind and give them eternal life. The book of Revelation describes the destruction of the wicked and the establishing of God's kingdom.

Revelation 22:1, 2 says, "And he showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of its broad way. And on this side of the river and on that side there were trees of life producing twelve crops of fruit, yielding their fruits each month. And the leaves of the trees were for the curing of the nations."

After the destruction, obedient mankind can look forward to wonderful conditions on earth because it is God's purpose for it to be inhabited. And he will definitely make that happen; the Bible assures us of that.

## matters of record

### Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**October 22** — Sight & Sound Entertainment, 1224 Main Ave., reported the theft of a Playstation 2 game, valued at \$27, that was rented and not returned.

**October 23** — Rosalinda M. Martinez reported an incident of burglary at 318 W. 15th St. and the theft of TV and electronic equipment, valued at \$400.

Theresa J. Dickey was arrested at 813 Broadway Ave on a bench warrant for failure to appear in municipal court.

Marion R. Armstrong was the victim of battery at 417 W. 9th St. Robert K. Armstrong was arrested and charged in municipal court.

**October 24** — Joshua Moreno was arrested at 404 Sherman Ave. on an arrest warrant from the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Charles L. Wilkens was the victim of an estimated \$200 in criminal damage to a tire on a 1996 Chevrolet at 1200 Arcade Ave.

Maria D. Martinez reported the theft of a washer, dryer and swamp cooler, valued at \$1,150, taken from 318 W. 15th St.

**October 25** — Ernest Boutwell was the victim of battery and disorderly conduct; Jennifer A. Rager was the victim of criminal damage; and Victor Carrallo was the victim of failure to report an accident at 700 W. 16th St. Dwight A. Melstrom was arrested and charged in municipal court.

Frontier Equity Exchange, 1202 W. Hwy. 24, reported the theft of several items taken, valued at \$1,377.78.

Julie C. Bautista was the victim of battery at 2510 Commerce Rd. Kendall L. Morris was arrested and charged in municipal court.

Lisa Studer reported an incident of burglary at Main Avenue and

17th Street. She also was the victim of criminal damage to a side window of a vehicle and of theft of a purse.

Andrew Albers was the victim of an estimated \$400 in criminal damage to the windshield of a 1997 Ford and to a mailbox at 617 W. 15th St.

**October 26** — Donovan V. Henan, Dyami Henan and Carla Austin was arrested at K-27 and I-70 for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Charged in district court.

Darrell L. Bowen reported the theft of Aircro propane torch ends, valued at \$500, from 710 W. 10th St.

**October 27** — Bobby V. Medrano reported an incident of burglary at 1406 Cattletrail Rd. and the theft of a suitcase/duffle bag and miscellaneous clothing valued at \$170.

**October 29** — Marshal R. Hoppe reported an incident of burglary at 1303 Caldwell Ave. and the theft of tools taken from a shed valued at \$1,690.

**October 30** — Vernon Weis, Winona Thomas and Tina Thomas, all from Salina, reported an incident of burglary at 2218 Commerce Rd. and the theft of several items taken from a vehicle valued at \$900.

**October 31** — Sue B. Cade reported the theft of a purse containing credit cards and cash, valued at \$55, taken from 2160 Commerce Rd.

### Real Estate

The following real estate transfers were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Leonard V. and Wilma I. Young of Sherman County and Steve Young of Tarrant County, Texas, to

Leonard V. and Wilma I. Young, trustees of the Flying Anchor Revocable Trust, the N 25 acres of the NW/4 of Sec. 10, T9S, R39W.

Janet R. Rumpel, trustee of the Bernard P. Thomas Trust, to Brian M. Rumpel Lots 13 and 14 in Block 3, Sappa Creek Development, also known as a tract in the N/2 of the NW/4 of Sec. 24, T8S, R40W.

William H. and Eleanor R. Kelley convey and warrant to Ronald P. and Betty Ann Weber Lots 21 and 22, Block 38, Second Addition to the City of Goodland.

Felipe and Maria Olivias quit claim to Marcelina G. Pena all their interest in and to Lots 7 and 8, Block 12, Third Addition to the City of Goodland.

Arthur L. and Mae Wilkens give, convey and warrant to Arthur L. and Esther Mae Wilkens, trustees of the Arthur L. Wilkens Trust No. 1, 1/6 interest in and to a tract in the SE/4 of Sec. 21, T8S, R40W, and a tract in the SE/4 of Sec. 21, T8S, R40W.

Robert D. and Joann Frazier convey and warrant to Robert D. and Joann Frazier, trustees of the Robert D. Frazier and Joann Frazier Living Trust, 3/4 interest in the NW/4 of Sec. 22, T7S, R37W; 3/4 interest in the NE/4 of Sec. 13, T8S, R38W; and 3/4 interest in the SW/4 of Sec. 13, T7S, R37W, including water rights.

William D. and Charlene S. Buntun of Shawnee County to John A. and Ellen A. Bradshaw of El Paso County, Colo., the S/2 of Sec. 28, T6S, R37W.

Rosemary K. Sparks to David R. and Kathryn L. Saffer of Kit Carson County, Colo., the N55' of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Block 71, Original Town of Goodland.

## Brewster All-Star Booster Club

November 20 - November 24, 2003

**Thursday** - High school vocal clinic at Cheylin 10 a.m., Western Kansas Liberty League meeting at Cheylin 2 p.m.

**Friday** - Junior high basketball pre-season tournament at Brewster 3 p.m.

**Saturday** - Junior high basketball pre-season tournament at Brewster 10 a.m.

**Monday** - High school Scholars Bowl at Grinnell 3:45 p.m.

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The Robert J. Hayden Testamentary Trust, co-trustees Robert J. Hayden and Sally Jo Sherman, to Robert J. Hayden, Mary Lou Teeters and Sally Jo Sherman all of Sec. 23, T9S, R41W; the S/2 of Sec. 13, T9S, R41W; the NW/4 of Sec. 13, T9S, R41W; and the S/2 of the S/2 of Sec. 14, T9S, R41W.

Norman R. and Shirley L. Zogg, trustees of the Norman R. Zogg Trust, to Jeffrey Wayne Moser and Larlena J. Nokes-Moser the N50' of Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, Subdivision of Block 78, Original Town of Goodland.

Leland L. and Dorothy F. Baney, trustees of the Leland L. Baney and Dorothy F. Baney Revocable Trust, to Kevin J. and Chelli D. Smith a tract in the SE/4 of Sec. 15, T8S,

R42W.

Salvador Gomez Jr. and Maria R. Gomez quit claim to David L. Johnson Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Sharp's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Bankwest of Kansas, 924 Main, Goodland, to the City of Goodland Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 58, Original Town of Goodland.

Keith W. and Dottie Cook to Joe C. Wahrman the E/2 of Sec. 26, T6S, R38W.

Joe C. Wahrman to RTM Services, L.L.C., a Colorado limited liability company the N/2 of Sec. 25, T6S, R38W.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson to JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee c/o Homecomings Fi-

nancial Network Lots 10 and 11, Block 12, First Addition to the City of Goodland, commonly known as 513 W. Ninth.

Robert E. and Sara Coleman to Candant Mobility Government Financial Services Corp. Lot 3, Block 3, McFadden Subdivision to the City of Goodland.

Cendant Mobility Government Financial Services Corp. to Keith E. and Jody A. Engel Lot 3, Block 3, McFadden Subdivision to the City of Goodland.

Blue Sisters, a Kansas general partnership, quit claims to Shirley A. Barnhart and Marie Hevner Kleine Lots 17 and 18, Block 12, Sharp's Addition to the City of Goodland.

## Restaurant Equipment and Personal Property Sale

for The Wagon Wheel Cafe & Sharon's Taco  
**Saturday, November 29, 2003**

Time: 10 a.m. CST (doors open at 8 a.m. day of sale)

Location: TNT & Jones Auction Facility, 200 N. Franklin, Colby, Kan.  
Preview sale items between 5-7 p.m. CST Friday, November 28, 2003

The Bourquins have closed the Wagon Wheel Cafe in Colorado and are offering to the public the following restaurant equipment and personal property. Plan to attend another fine auction conducted by TNT & Jones Auction.

### Restaurant Equipment

Magiater-Mobile Outdoor 60" Charcoal Grill with outdoor cover (adjustable grid, uses charcoal or wood); DCS American Range-36" Heavy duty range 36" wide 36" deep, 1" thick fry-top plate, 17,500 BTU burners, 90,000 total. Stainless steel front, 4 open burners; American Charbroiler 27 1/2" like new; Cecilware-Heavy-duty Commercial Electric Fryer (15# capacity); True (TSSU-60-16) Deli Cooler 60" with all insert containers; Coffee Grinder-heavy duty 110 volts, 8.6 amp, 1720 RPM, 1/2 HP motor - Used very little; Citrus Pro Juicer-Juices oranges & lemons; American Steamtable - 13 x 21 with variety of bowls & sinks for hot food holding-works good; commercial coffee pot; James B. Hill Honey Warmer-40 qt. built in thermostat 2 extra outlets and drip cup-works good; 3 Grindmaster fresh coffee & hot water maker; Grindmaster fresh ground coffee grinder; 4x8 stainless steel splash guard for range; cooler racks; 18" refrigerator; Wicker Country Spice Rack; Magazine/Menu rack; 3 display tri-fold wood dividers; pegboard "Country Spice Rack"; Kenmore Ultra-Wash II Dishwasher; 1 stainless Steel Sink (2 tubs); Eureka Vacuum; Cash register; oak drafting table; steel office desk; 2 slate chalk boards; 22 red restaurant chairs; approximately 15 folding chairs; oak table w/green spindle legs; Coke glasses (red plastic); lots of spatulas, dishes, utensils; 33-10 1/2 plates; misc. coffee cups; steak and sandwich plates.

### Miscellaneous

3 Coca Cola Nascar Hats -1 Plain Coca-Cola, 1 Signed by Richard Petty & Kyle Petty (1998), 1 (1998) Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America; bottle collection; 2 Bags of insulation; Antique tennis racquets; Perot political banner; lots of sea shells and cave rocks; Electric Solar Fence Charger (Gallagher S15); Vegetable Growing Supplies; Wooden Salad Bowls; Blow Torch; Mac Computer, printer, 15" monitor; GE 4 burner stove (green) 30" wide with self-cleaning double oven w/rotisserie; 2 Oak Cabinets; Blue Bench Seat; Fire Starter; 2-New Dish Sets, one with serving pieces; 2 Glass/Wood display cases; Granite/Marble slab; lots of Christmas lights; Encyclopedia Set-1956; Charlie Brown Dictionary Set 1973; Disney's Wonderful

World of Knowledge 1973; Leather and paint craft supplies; lots of fabric, sewing supplies, small Heartland Mills flour sacks; Metal Shelving; 2 Wisconsin Engines; Pump; Furnace 75,000 BTU Climatrol-works; Kenwood car stereo amplifier # KAC-7200 in box, 3'x5' stainless steel hood (commercial).

### Antiques & Collectible

1930's Waterfall wardrobe, Olympic beer sign, antique wood cook stove tan & white, 1930's oak dining table w/leaves (rectangle), 100 Insulators, Dechert Bottles, Deceit Silverware, Embroidered pillowcases, Antique silverware, Lots of Coke Glasses, Glass Door Knobs, Antique Gas Pump, Himont Trolley, Gymnasium Lights, Elevator Cups, Antique Tools, Cream Can, 300 Bottles from Colorado, Dynamite Warmer, Antique Bathtub, Coolly Locker Scales, Antique Scales, Antique Pictures from Colorado, Camera, Wood Pepsi Cases, old Guitar, Tin Cap Jars, 2 Small Scales, Lots of Antique Jars.

### Landscaping

2 Toro Greens Master Mower, BB mower; small dune buggy framework with Briggs & Stratton 11 HP engine & Cross-eye rear end with brakes; Cross-eye 4 cycle motor; 7 Boxes of Staples; Transfer Pump; 20 Redwood Windows; Sprinkler Heads; Golf flags, poles, hole cups, pole cups; Tumble bug; Galvanized metal box.

### Toys / sports

Folding Ping Pong Table; Basketballs & goal w/net; Baseball gloves; Trivial Pursuit Game; Tennis Racquets; Golf Clubs; Small Bicycle; Small Wagon.

**Restaurant Equipment from Sharon's Taco**  
Thunderbird 20 qt. Mixer w/shredder plus other attachments, 4x8 double sided lighted sign, fabricware Indoor Grill, Ember Glo Steamer, Heat Rack (3 light), GE refrigerator (small), 23 x 16 insulated condiment, Microware, Small slicer, Food processor, Cheese warmer, 2 - Full sheet pans, 2 - Full pans (2" deep), Taco rack, 1 - 1/2 pan (4" deep), 19 - 1/2 pans (6" deep), 5 - 1/3 pans, 7 - 1/3 pans (plastic), 8 - Gray bus tubs, 20 x 18 roaster pan, Lemonade dispenser, 2 lb. Scale, 25 lb. Scale, 15" skillet, 16" Stainless Steel Bowl, High chair, 2 round trays, 1 gallon metal pitcher, Plastic scoop pitcher, Dough hook.

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