

# He does whatever He pleases

## Psalm 115:1-3 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup>Not to us, O LORD, not to us,  
    But to Your name give glory  
    Because of Your loving kindness, because of Your truth.  
<sup>2</sup>Why should the nations say,  
    "Where, now, is their God?"  
<sup>3</sup>But our God is in the heavens;  
    He does whatever He pleases.

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Why don't I start everyone off with a little contest? I have a phrase that describes certain people, and I'm looking for a unique "people type" that fits this description. For example, if the description is "liar", then I guess one of the words you can put down is "politician". I got this cooler of prizes here, so whichever group gets the most unique entries gets first dibs.

For those that know me, the answer is not Jesus, so I don't want to see that ok?

You guys got a minute.  
The phrase is. "He does whatever He pleases."

So why is there a slant towards negative people? Criminals? Dictators? Out of control children? Is it because, deep down, you know that they really can't do whatever they want? They don't have the right, they don't have the power, and honestly, I don't feel safe to have a single individual be given the power to do whatever they want.

However, there is one being that's different.

Let me quote you a sentence from the Bible.

## Psalm 115:3 (NASB)

*But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.*

"Whatever He pleases." That's a lot of control. A lot of authority. A lot of power. But how does His authority compare to those around? What about other people in positions of power?

Here's another passage:

### **Daniel 4:34b-35 (NIV)**

<sup>34b</sup> *His dominion is an eternal dominion;  
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.*

<sup>35</sup> *All the peoples of the earth  
are regarded as nothing.  
He does as he pleases  
with the powers of heaven  
and the peoples of the earth.  
No one can hold back his hand  
or say to him: "What have you done?"*

So this God's control extends to both heaven and earth, as it states “*He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth*”. It also continues and says “*No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?'*”. We can't stop what He wants to do. We can't even question what He is doing. But is it a good thing? It did say “*All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing.*” Is he a tyrant? A kill joy? A finicky, unstable psycho about to kill us all? No. This passage is talking about dominion and kingdom. In short, it comes down to authority. In regards to the authority of the peoples of the earth, this God regards them as nothing. And His objectives are made more clear with another section of the Bible:

### **Psalm 37:1-4 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of evil men  
or be envious of those who do wrong;  
<sup>2</sup> for like the grass they will soon wither,  
like green plants they will soon die away.  
<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.  
<sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

“*Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture*” brings together the idea of both shelter and food. So it is clear that this all-powerful God has good things in mind. “*Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.*”

With these lists of people who fit the description “He does whatever He pleases.” Do remember that ultimately, there is only one being that makes the most sense to be doing that, and that is God, and this God is good.