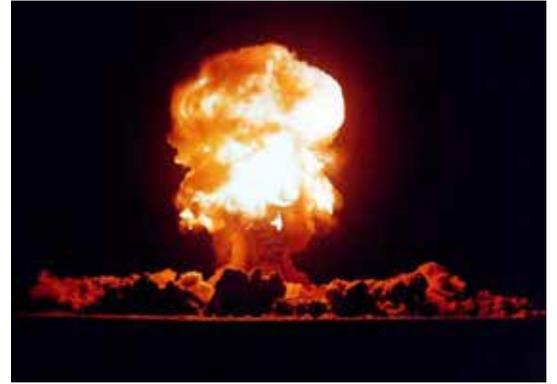


"What shall we then say to these things? **If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?** He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"
Romans 8:31-32 KJV



It is the Power of God's Word that binds and controls the atomic structure of the universe. He created it from nothing; breathing out His Word to form its existence. A nuclear blast occurs when the power locked in a few pounds of matter is released. "By the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same Word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the Day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men." The power of all the atoms of the entire universe is infinite, and yet all is held together by the Word of God. "Thou art Worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory and Honour and Power: for Thou hast created all things." What force is large enough to conceivably oppose such power? The worst man can do is kill the body. God can condemn the soul to eternal hell and torment. Not only does God protect believers, He gives freely of His bounty to the obedient. "I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread." Light bulbs last longer, cars run better, appliances don't break as often, money goes further, because God controls the atoms! God's rain falls on the just AND the unjust! A myriad of other providential blessings are showered down, which are seldom noticed, and "thanks" is hardly ever given for these blessings, but they are given nonetheless. How about the sunrise? Men are so accustomed to the gracious Provision of God they become irritated when something finally wears out or breaks. We impulsively purchase without seeking God's guidance, and squander finances that should have been saved. We see...we want...we buy, and never give thought to whether it is really a need or just a "want." We seldom seek God's Wisdom before a purchase. There's a ring of truth to the old saying, "Give God His due or He'll send the Devil to collect." God always rewards good stewardship, and in this day of runaway inflation, we can ill afford to live outside the umbrella of God's blessings.

When God is for us, who can say,
What good or bad should come our way?
What God decides is always best,
And He will see to all the rest. –CGP

We spend foolishly, and buy into the evil philosophy of credit purchasing. Debt is your master when you buy "on credit." buying "on sale" is poor stewardship of our finances if not a real need and will remove God's umbrella of provision from us faster than anything else. "Therefore take no thought, saying, 'What shall we eat?' Or, 'What shall we drink?' Or, 'Wherewithal shall we be clothed?' Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye **FIRST** the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and **ALL THESE THINGS** shall be added unto you." We ignore the cautions of Scripture and appease the lust of the eyes, squandering instead of stewarding our financial provisions. God is on your side, dear believer, so quit fretting about what you don't have, enjoy what you have, and let Father provide for every real need, as He promised.

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him."
Matthew 6:6-8 KJV