

# All Things Work Together

by Robert Haldane

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*God sovereignly works all things together to bring about His good purpose in the lives of believers.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 84:11, Proverbs 16:7, Hosea 2:18, Romans 8:28, 2 Corinthians 4:17

**Topics:** "Gods Sovereignty", "Divine Providence"

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## Description

Robert Haldane preaches on the comforting truth that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. Believers are assured that even in the midst of overwhelming adverse circumstances, everything is orchestrated by God to lead them to their heavenly inheritance. God, as the first cause, governs all second causes to ultimately work for the good of His children, using even afflictions to contribute to their well-being.

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## Transcript

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

That all things work together for the good of them that love God, is a truth affording the highest consolation. These words teach believers that whatever may be the number and overwhelming character of adverse circumstances, they are all contributing to conduct them into the possession of the inheritance provided for them in heaven. That they are thus working for the good of the children of God, is manifest from the consideration that God governs the world. The first cause of all is God; second causes are all His creatures, whether angels, good or bad men, animals, or the inanimate creation. Second causes move only under His direction; and when God withdraws His hand, they cannot move at all, as it is written, 'In Him we live, and move, and have our .' As God, then, the first cause, moves all second causes against His enemies, so, when He is favourable to us, He employs all to move and work for our good, as it is said, 'In that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground; and will break the bow, and the sword, and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely' (Hos. 2:18). And as of men it is said, 'When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him,' (Prov. 16:7).

If all things work together for good, there is nothing within the compass of being that is not, in one way or other, advantageous to the children of God. All the attributes of God, all the offices of Christ, all the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, are combined for their good. The creation of the world, the fall and the redemption of man, all the dispensations of Providence, whether prosperous or adverse, all occurrences

and events-all things, whatsoever they be-work for their good. They work together in their efficacy, in their unity, and in their connection. They do not work thus of themselves: it is God that turns all things to the good of His children. The afflictions of believers, in a peculiar manner, contribute to this end.

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