

God Doesn't Make Mistakes

INTRO: Your life hasn't worked out exactly how you thought it would, right? I mean that's the case for most of us. Our lives have zig zagged rather than being a straight line to where we're at. There are things that we couldn't anticipate. Some of them look like mistakes to us. And in those times it's hard to trust God.

All Christians need an unshakeable faith that God doesn't make mistakes. All of us face difficult trials that test our faith in God's providence.

ASK: How do we know that God doesn't make mistakes? What do we know in Scripture? Or what does orthodox theology teach us?

Why doesn't God make mistakes? He's incapable of making mistakes with your life. Maybe you think that your life is evidence of God's carelessness. Your circumstances are not evidence of God's mistakes, but of His work.

1. God Never Makes a Mistake of **Ignorance**. He Knows Everything.

ASK: How does God's omniscience prove he doesn't make mistakes?

- Psalm 139:1-6 (ESV), O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

A.W. Tozer may have explained God's omniscience best.

God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and all matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creaturehood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell.

Because God knows all things perfectly, he knows no thing better than any other thing, but all things equally well. He never discovers anything. He is never surprised, never amazed. He never wonders about anything nor (except when drawing men out for their own good) does He seek information or ask questions.¹

¹ A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge Of The Holy* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1961), 92-93.

2. God Never Makes a Mistake of **Impotence**. He's All-Powerful. He Is Able to Do Whatever He Wills.

ASK: How does God's omnipotence prove he doesn't make mistakes?

- Daniel 4:35 (ESV), all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"
- Jeremiah 32:17 (ESV), 'Ah, Lord God! It is you who has made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

3. God Never Makes a Mistake of **Immaturity**. He's All-Wise.

ASK: How does God's wisdom prove he doesn't make mistakes?

He didn't have to grow into His job. He's always been all wise. Yes He has power and knowledge, but He also makes wise decisions. You can be confident that He is working out the best plan in your life.

- Romans 11:33 (ESV), Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

4. God Never Makes a Mistake of **Indifference**.

ASK: How does God's care prove he doesn't make mistakes?

The first three wouldn't be comforting if we didn't also know also that God loves us. He loves you and proved it at the cross.

- 1 John 4:8 (ESV), Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- John 3:16 (ESV), "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- 1 Peter 5:6–7 (NKJV) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

We've looked at four reasons that prove God doesn't make mistakes with your life. Theologically we know it's true. That's part of our struggle, but it's not the entirety of it, is it? Our hearts are wired by sin to distrust God.

We want our plans to come to pass, but God has the better plans. Let's submit ourselves to his plans. He makes no mistakes.