

304 08/22/05 No matter what future brings, God is in control

I recently spent four days with my two-month-old grandson. It was such a joy to hold him, watch his parents care for him and observe him discovering his world. When I am around new babies, especially my grandchildren, I become reflective. A child born today has a very good chance of living to see the beginning of the twenty-second century. Even the most forward thinking among us cannot imagine the changes that will occur in this child's lifetime.

There is one thing that will not change: the sovereignty of God. Daniel declared God's supremacy nearly six hundred years before the birth of Christ. He said, "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Daniel 2:20-21. Daniel's captor, King Nebuchadnezzar even agreed, saying, "His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation." Daniel 4:3b.

There is a tendency, even among Christians, to fret over who is in charge of the political scene, what is happening in our culture or which direction our economy is headed. The bottom line is that those things are all meaningless; a fact expressed by King Solomon nearly a thousand years before Christ was born. (See Ecclesiastes)

So, here we are, over two thousand years after Christ's birth, and the Truth remains. God is in control. There is no way that God would stay in control for thousands of years and suddenly decide in the twenty-first century that it was time to turn it over to mankind. God is still in control.

Not only is He in control; he has plans for my two-month-old grandson just as he does for each of us. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:11-12.

For each of us who looks at a child or grandchild and ponders his or her future, there is comfort in God's sovereignty, God's Word and God's offer of salvation through his Son. The future looks good.