

the power of God, the creativeness of God. That is necessary to our lives. How ready we are to forget it. When things go wrong ~~how~~ how ready we are to say, Isn't this awful, isn't this awful instead of saying, Oh God is doing this this way and he has a purpose in it. And if I truly believe in Christ and am following Him and things go wrong I know it's because God has a purpose for my good in it because he has created all things and is controlling all things and nothing can happen except in accordance with His will.

Therefore we can rejoice whatever happens. Incidentally if your attitude is one of rejoicing at what happens, instead of grieving over it and feeling sorrowful and frightened and wondering what's ahead, you will find in most cases that you go through your crises with only a fraction of the misery that you do when your attitude is one of sorrow and failure to understand. God controls all things and recognition of His creative power is tremendously important. But that alone does not give the answer. The Mohammedan has that.

In Mohammedan countries God's existence is recognized far more than it is today in most of our Christian countries. They believe in the great God, the Creator of the universe, and they talk about him constantly. But they have denied the central feature of His work and His plan--that of sending His Son to die for the sins of all those who believe on Him. So in the Mohammedan lands with their recognition of God's creative power there is nevertheless constant fighting and misery and dissatisfaction/ Those who try to get the Arab countries to work together for almost any purpose, find themselves frustrated at every point.

It is wonderful and necessary to believe in the creative power of God. We can join with the elders in ch. 4 in praising Him for His creation. But we need to do more. Thank God that Jesus Christ came to this earth. He was the great Lion of the Tribe of Judah= and he came to this earth and was slain and gave His life on the cross that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. If we have come to know Him as our Saviour then life instead of being a matter of unyielding despair, becomes a matter of joy and happiness because whatever happens His hand is in it and His purpose is in it for our good and those whom He has redeemed he will lead on and make them what He wants them to be and to give them everything he desires them to have.

So we can join with the heavenly song in v.9 of ch.5. "You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seal because you were slain and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and ~~p~~ language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and they will reign on the earth.