

Matthew 16:2-4

He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

Sometimes Christians are like Weathermen. Think about that for a minute. We watch the news to see what the weather will be like for the day, or the next day or the weekend. And when it doesn't happen the way the Weatherman says it will, we blame the Weatherman, like he really has control over the weather. Some even ask the Weatherman if they can make the weekend have nice weather, because they have something going on outside that weekend.

As crazy as it sounds, people do not realize that the Weatherman has absolutely no control at all over the weather. All they can do is read the signs, and based upon the signs and all their satellites and computer models of the weather, they predict what it appears that the weather may be. But people seem to forget that the weather can change, which is totally out of the Weatherman's control, because it is God who controls the weather. The Weatherman only tells people what they think God will do with the weather.

It's the same for us as Christians, we read the bible and can see the signs of Jesus' return any second. But we can not always see the right signs for other things. People ask us, "Why is God doing or allowing such and such" and all we can do is tell them what the bible says, but that does not mean all things will come to pass based upon what we think the bible says.

Take healings as an example, we know the bible says to pray for the sick to be healed, and in many cases they are, but there are also times when you pray for a healing and the person gets worse or even dies. So, was God wrong when He said to pray for the sick and they will be healed? No, we just read the signs or what the bible said and interpreted it incorrectly. Because even though we are told to pray for the sick, the bible never says that everyone who gets prayed for will be healed.

† **James 5:14-15** *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

Yet people somehow think that we, or even the pastor has an "in" with God, and that He will do whatever we, or the pastor asks Him to do. Just as a Weatherman has no control over the weather, we have no control over what God does or how He answers prayers.

So, next time the weekend has perfect weather, don't thank the Weatherman, because he just told you what God did. Same as with when some healing or awesome thing happens in your life or the life of someone else, don't give man glory or even allow others to give you the glory, because we are just God's messengers, but GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY for what He has done!!!

† **Isaiah 42:8** *I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.*