"He Hath Done All Things Well"

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Mark 7:37

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If you would like to follow along with me, I would like to bring a message to you today from Mark 7. Mark 7, at the end of this chapter is the story of a deaf man who was healed. The Lord opened his ear, and loosed his tongue, and the man was healed. And I do not want to look at that story today, but I do want to consider one line in it, just one line from this particular portion of scripture. It's in the middle of verse 37. Mark 7:37, right in the middle of that verse it says, "He hath done all things well. He hath done all things well." That is speaking of Christ, Christ our God, Christ our sovereign. We are gonna see something of the sovereignty of God today. We're gonna see the sovereignty of Christ our God, Christ our king, Christ the Almighty. When we speak of the Almighty, we're speaking of Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ, He hath done all things well. I want us to consider three things together. And I pray this will really reach our hearts and truly bless us. Number one, He hath done. That's the first thing I want us to consider. He hath done. He is the one who has done. He hath done. The second thing is all things, all things. I want us to truly consider all things. Whatever it is, whatever has been done, whatever has been done, He hath done all things well. That's the third thing, well. Everything that He has done, He has done it well. It's all well. It is well. That's the basis of our salvation. That is the

basis of all of our hope. That's our message. That is our gospel. He hath done, that's where it starts, He hath done. Not what we have done, but what He has done, He hath done. It's His work, not ours. It's His doing, not ours. This is our comfort, this is our confidence, He hath done. Over in Psalm 115:3 says, "But our God is in the heavens. He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased." Have we ever really realized that? He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased. Verse one right here says, "Not unto us, oh Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name, give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, 'Where is now their God?'" Why should the unbeliever say, the outcasts say, "Where's your God?" David said in verse three, "Our God is in the heavens. He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased, whatsoever He hath pleased." That's what He did in creation. That's what Jesus Christ did in creation. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. And that's what He did in creation, whatever He pleased. And that's what He did in salvation, whatever He pleased. That's what He did. It pleased the Father, based on the scripture, it pleased the Father to choose a sinful people to save, and He did it. It pleased Him to do that, to select a sinful people to save, and He did it. It pleased the Son, Jesus Christ the Son, to give Himself. It pleased the Son to give His life, and to give His body, and to give His blood in order to actually save those sinful people and He did it. It pleased Him to do that and He did it. It pleased the Lord to bruise Christ in their place. It pleased the Father to lay the sin of all those people on Christ, and to judge Christ in their place, and to punish Christ in their place, and to condemn Christ in their place. It pleased the Father to do that and He did it. It pleased the Father to make Christ, who knew no sin, He was spotless, sinless, it pleased the Father to make Christ to be sin. What a statement. 2 Corinthians 5:21, "It pleased the Father to make Christ to be sin for His people, that they might be made the righteousness of God in Him," and that's exactly what He did. That's exactly what He did. Verse three right here says, "But our God is in the heavens. He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased." Now, that's our comfort. That is our comfort. The absolute control of

the sovereign God, that's the believers' comfort. In Psalm 135, it says in Psalm 135:6, "Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He, in Heaven and in Earth, in the seas and all deep places. Whatever the Lord pleased, that's what He did, everywhere." He said, "I am Alpha and Omega. I start the work and I finish the work." He said, "I work and none can let me." That means none can stop me, no one can stop me. Think about this, Deuteronomy 32, he said, "I kill." Have you ever read that verse of scripture? Have you ever realized that God Almighty said, "I kill." Life is in His hands, life is in His hands. All life is in the hands of God Almighty. He said, "I kill, I make alive, I wound, I heal." He said in Isaiah 45, "I form the light and create darkness. I make peace and create evil. I the Lord do all these things. I the Lord do all these things." In Acts 4, when Peter was preaching to the very ones who crucified the Lord Jesus Christ, that's who Peter was preaching to, and this is what he said to them. He said, "You only did what He predetermined to be done." He said, "That's all you did." He said, "You, by wicked hands, took the Lord of glory, and you crucified Him." And He said, "All you did, the only thing that you did was what God Almighty predetermined before the foundation of the world to be done." Peter told them, "He hath done." That's what the message was, He did it, He hath done this. A king in the Old Testament named Nebuchadnezzar, he got a little too focused on himself one time, and he started looking around Babylon saying, "I hath done, look at everything that I have done. I did this, this is the result of my hands." And the Lord brought him down. If you know his story, you know that the Lord truly brought him, literally, down and taught him some things. And then after the appointed time, the Lord raised him back up, and restored the kingdom to him. And Nebuchadnezzar said, after the Lord raised him back up, he said, "I was wrong. I was so wrong. I hadn't done anything, He hath done, He did it." Nebuchadnezzar said, "His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation, and all the inhabitants of the Earth are reputed as nothing, and He doeth according to His will in the army of Heaven and among the inhabitants of the Earth, and none can stay His hand or say unto

Him, 'What doest thou?' He hath done." He did it. He does whatever He's pleased to do in Heaven, and I believe most people know that and believe that. He does whatever He's pleased to do in Heaven, and guess where else He does whatever He's pleased to do. Right here on this Earth. The armies of Heaven and the inhabitants of Earth, He does all things and that's our comfort. That is our comfort. If we want to have a correct view of all things concerning us, here it is. He hath done, He hath done. Our text went on to say, number two, all things. All things, He hath done all things, all things. Everyone is willing to acknowledge Him in the good things. You know that? Everyone is. When great things are happening, just amazingly great things are happening, it is so easy for us to say, "The Lord has done this for me. Boy, the Lord has done great things for me." But the greater honor to Him, and the greater glory to Him, and the greater comfort to us is when we, as His people, know and acknowledge His hand in even the things that appear to this flesh to be bad things, bad things. Let's look at a few examples of this, okay. Over in 2 Samuel 16, 2 Samuel 16, in this account right here, David is traveling with his soldiers. This is an amazing account. If you've never read this or never heard this, this is just so amazing, and so wonderful, and I'm so encouraged by what I hear in this passage right here. David is traveling with his soldiers and a man named Shimei comes to the top of a ridge, and he's following along with David and his soldiers. And Shimei starts cursing David. He's just hollering from the top of this ridge, just cursing the king David. And he's throwing rocks at him, and he's throwing dust at him, and he's just being a nuisance. And one of David's soldiers asked David, he said, "Do you want me to go up there and take his head off?" And this is how David responded. 2 Samuel 16:10, the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse." He said, "No, don't go take his head off. So let him curse, because the Lord hath said unto him, 'Curse David.' Who shall say then, 'Wherefore hast thou done so?' Who shall say, 'Why are you doing this?'" He said, "The Lord said to him, 'You go curse David.'" David said, "Leave him alone, leave him alone. The Lord has done this." Doesn't that give so much

glory to God's sovereignty? The Lord has done this. The Lord told him to curse me. This moment in the sovereign hand of God, we're gonna acknowledge His hand. He hath done all these things. He hath done all these things. All right, look with me at Job 1, Job 1. We know this story, I'm sure you know it well. Everything that happened to Job, just indescribable things, unimaginable things, oh this man suffered so much. And in Job 1:20, it says, "Then Job arose and rent his mantle," that's his robe, his clothes, "and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground and worshiped." That's what he did, he worshiped. Verse 21, and he said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb and naked shall I return thither. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away." Isn't that amazing? Job said, "The Lord did this." The Lord did this. He hath done this. No matter how bad this seems, no matter how chaotic this seems, the Lord has done this. The God of Heaven and Earth is sovereignly in control of this. The Lord has allowed this to happen. The Lord is the one. Proverbs 16, Proverbs 16:1, it says, "The preparations of the heart in man and the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but the Lord weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established." Verse four says, "The Lord hath made all things for Himself, yeah, even the wicked for the day of evil." What an amazing verse. That means everything is in His hand. Everything is sovereignly in His hand. He leaves nothing up to chance, nothing. Everything is according to His purpose, everything. Chapter 21 says, "Even the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water, He turneth it wither soever He will." Even the man in charge, He turns it however he wants it to go. Everything that has ever been done, He has done it. He has allowed it. He has ordered it. Everything that happens, He's the doer of it. He hath done all things. He hath done all things, and thank God. Thank God, to the praise of His glory, He has done all things well, all things well. That word well, it means completely. When you look it up, it means completely, to the fullest, excellently, rightly, with no room for blame, honorably. That's what it means. He hath done all things well, all things. Psalm

34, in Psalm 34, it says in verse one, "I will bless the Lord at all times." We bless the Lord in the good times, don't we? We ought to bless the Lord in the bad times too. I will bless the Lord at all times. He said, "I'll bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord. The humble shall hear thereof and shall be glad." Verse three, he said, "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." No matter what it is, let us exalt His name together. Verse seven says, "The angel of the Lord encampeth roundabout them that fear Him and delivereth them. Oh taste and see that the Lord is good. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." David, in this psalm, is talking about being down, and crying out for deliverance, and needing mercy, and having a broken and contrite spirit, and all of these things. And what he's saying in this psalm is, "Trust the Lord." In whatever you see happening, trust the Lord. The Lord is in control of this. The Lord has ordered these things. The Lord is the sovereign God. Trust Him, trust Him. Blessed is the man that trusts Him. Just trust in the Lord. Verse 19 right here says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth Him out of them all." He delivers his people out of them all. All of His chosen people, His hand is on 'em. He said, "In this world, we're gonna have tribulation, we're gonna have suffering, we're gonna have trial." I love how when the Apostle Paul was writing to the Philippians from prison, he wrote to them, "These things have happened to me, these things that have fallen out, me being put in prison," he said, "all this has happened for the furtherance of the gospel." He was saying, "God did this, and He did it all well, and this is all good, and He delivers his people out of these things, until the day that He delivers his people outta this world." He may deliver us out of a situation, or He may deliver us out of this world, but He will deliver us. He said, "The Lord has redeemed His people, and He has redeemed them well. Let's magnify Him for that. We will magnify Him for that." Psalm 139:14, it says, "Oh, spare me, that I may recover strength before I go hence and be no more. Spare me, Lord, keep me before you call me home, because I know that you're gonna

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do well. You're gonna do right, you're gonna do right." Psalm 139:14, it says, "I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well." Everything you've done, from birth 'til my last breath, everything you've done is so perfect, it's so well. I'm fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are all your works. And he said, "I know that, I know that. You've caused me to believe that." Isaiah 44, Isaiah 44:21, it says, Isaiah 44:21, it says, "Remember these, oh, Jacob and Israel, for thou art my servant. I have formed thee. Thou art my servant, oh Israel. Thou shall not be forgotten of me. I formed you, I made you, I will not forget you." How wonderful is that? He said, "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud, thy sins. Return unto me for I have redeemed thee. Sing, oh ve heavens, for the Lord hath done it. Sing heavens, the Lord hath done it. Shout, you lower parts of the Earth. Break forth into singing ye mountains, oh forest, and every tree therein, for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob and glorified Himself in Israel." I love that verse of scripture so much. He said, "He has redeemed His people, and glorified Himself in the process," and He has, hadn't He. Oh, we glorify Him. We glorify Him for everything He has done, because He has done all of it so well. The apostle Paul said, "He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Glory to God in the highest, glory to God in the highest." Job's ending comment, we just read Job 1, talked about how everything that happened to him was just so horrible, and we read what he said, "Naked came I into this world, and naked shall I leave this world. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away." And this was his final comment right after that, we didn't read it, but I'm gonna say it now. After everything that happened to him, he said, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." After all that happened to him, he said, "The Lord gave, the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." I pray God will give all of us a heart to say that with Job. He hath done all things well, all things well. In closing, I want to read something to you here. A man named William Cooper, William Cowper or

Cooper, wrote this poem or song, and you may have heard this before, but this is so true, it's just so true. He wrote, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm." When He comes, it may be a storm that comes, it may be a raging storm that comes, but His foot is planted in it, and He's the one riding on it. Mr. Cooper went on to say, "Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill, He treasures up His bright designs, and works His sovereign will. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take. The clouds you so much dread." We're so worried about what's coming. What's coming around the corner? What dark skies and dark days may be ahead of us? He said, "Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take. The clouds you so much dread are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace." Don't judge what he's doing wrongly and say, "The Lord shouldn't do this." Trust Him for His grace. "Behind every frowning providence, He hides a smiling face." His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour. The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower. Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His work in vain. God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain." Just wait on the Lord, He will make it plain. In the end, every child of God will see, He hath done all things well. Amen.