

# Perspectives

## Take Heart! God Is at Work

**H**ere is a riddle: *When you fall down, it's because of me. I hold you down, but for your own good. What am I?* Answer: Gravity. Gravity is “the force by which a planet or other body draws objects toward its center. The force of gravity keeps all of the planets in orbit around the sun.”\* Gravity is the reason why, when you jump up in the air, you come down rather than floating off into the atmosphere. It is the reason why, when things are dropped from a tall building, they plummet to the ground. We can't see gravity, but we know it's there and always at work.

A year ago, my wife and I took a weekend trip. While on our brief getaway, we went to a musical drama based on the story of Queen Esther. The presentation included live animals, elaborate staging, colorful costumes, and talented vocal performances. As amazing as all that was, the story is even more amazing. All through the production, I couldn't help but think how God was at work throughout the story, even when the central characters like Esther and Mordechai couldn't plainly see all the ways in which God was moving.

Throughout the Bible, we encounter stories of God working behind the scenes (e.g., Joseph; Jonah). In the story of Esther, it is not hard to see God's hand moving on behalf of His people. Despite how things looked outwardly, God was at work. Even the fact that we see God moving, yet is not specifically mentioned in the story of Esther, testifies to God's sovereignty and providence. At one point in the story, Esther's cousin Mordecai tells her, “If you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14). Mordecai's statement points to the fact that God is always working in and through people and situations to accomplish His will.

Take heart! Even when we can't see it, or even feel it, God is moving. Today, may we be reminded that we must “live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), resting in the truth that God is at work.

May God bless you as you study His Word this quarter!

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\*<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/what-is-gravity/en/> Accessed January 18, 2024.