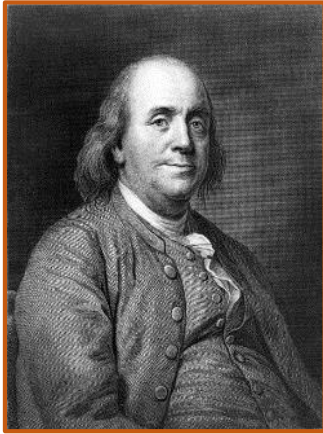


## Franklin on the Aid of God



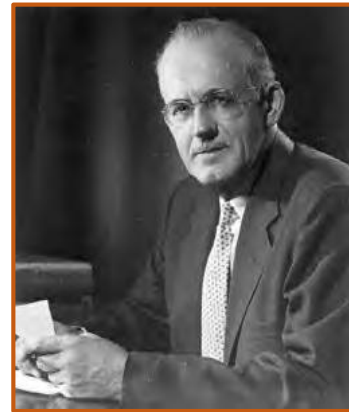
“I have lived a long time,” Benjamin Franklin, age 81, told the Continental Convention in the early days of our country, “and the longer I live, the more convincing proof I see of this truth – that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?”

Franklin (1706 – 1790), of course, was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. And he had a lot of professional pursuits as a printer, author, politician, scientist, postmaster, inventor, newspaper editor, musician, statesman, diplomat and on and on. What a talented individual!

With all of his gifts, he might have easily concluded that men and women could be able to give birth to a nation in and of themselves, without the help of Almighty God. But not Franklin.

Nations rise and fall; leaders come and go. But there is only one King of kings and Lord of lords. It is He who ordains the flow of history and guides the sparrow’s flight. God also carefully tends to the needs of His children.

Aiden Wilson Tozer (1897 – 1963), a pastor, preacher and author, offered a similar theme. He wrote: “To the child of God, there is no such thing as an accident. He (the believer) travels an appointed way. Accidents may indeed appear to befall him and misfortune stalks his way; but these evils will be so in appearance only and will seem evil only because we cannot read the secret script of God’s hidden providence.”



Dr. David Jeremiah, senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, Calif., expressed a similar thought in his book *Turning Points*: “God is eternal, so His perspective is broad. He is immortal, having no fear of death. He is invisible and always present. He is all-wise, always knowing just what to do. Trust Him – and give Him honor and glory forever.”

While adversity and setbacks may come our way – and we can’t figure out why – just be assured that God has a plan for your life. He is in charge, and is working for our ultimate good.

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen (1 Timothy 1:17).*

– Beecher Hunter