

## ON LOAN FROM GOD

Dear Friend:

A long-time radio personality used to use the tagline in reference to himself: "Talent on loan from God". I hope he was sincere and believed that any talent he had came from God. Perhaps he even understood the stewardship principle: our time, talents, and treasures are all on loan from God.

Asaph, the writer of Psalm 50 makes it very clear that God is the mighty one over all the earth. Verse 12 reads: "...for the world is mine and all that is in it". We are blessed to have family, friends, a home, perhaps a job, money, health, talents, spiritual gifts, etc. These are all on loan for God because he owns the world and all that is in it. As the owner he can take away from us whatever he wants. He is not a capricious or arbitrary all-powerful being who takes things away from us, but he is one who wants us to enjoy what he gives us and manage wisely what he has given to us. When we understand that God owns it all we understand 3 principles.

First, the Power Principle. Psalm 50:1 says: "The Mighty One, God, the Lord...". Three titles, all a clear message about God's power. God is in ultimate control. Principle two: God Owns It All (already mentioned above). You may hold the deed to your house and the title to your car, but one bad storm can wipe them both out. For reasons we don't understand God allows natural disasters and these disasters should remind us that he can allow anything to be wiped out at any moment. Principle three: The Position Principle...Who Is #1 In My Life? When God is in the #1 position of your life you will use all he has given you for his glory, not for yours. My prayer for you is that you understand every good thing you have is from God and he wants you to use what he has loaned you for his glory!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Mike

Prayer: Lyle Starr as he travels, Cathy Cooley (finally home), Jon Martindale (heart troubles)