

## *Pk's Perspectives* ... Lucky Charm?

If one were to guess by the things Christians routinely say and do, one would think that many Christians believe God may - at times - need a little help. Now most followers of Jesus would agree with doctrinal statements proclaiming God to be all knowing and all-powerful. Like my friend from college. He was a believer in Jesus and a disciple, too. My friend believed in the sovereignty of God. My friend also carried his lucky coin, one he had acquired on a trip to Israel, with him at all times. I messed with my friend mercilessly. "Do you believe God is everywhere all the time, knows everything and is all-powerful?" I would ask. My friend would reply without hesitation, "Absolutely!" "Then give me your lucky coin," I would respond. "No way, man," was always his answer. It was almost as if my friend's lucky coin was insurance against the sliver of a chance that the God of the universe might get distracted and miss an important detail in my friend's life.

It's like we trust God but also wonder if there are other forces out there that can work in our favor. A Facebook friend posted a status about something really, really good that had transpired in their life and concluded the status with these statements: "Yes, I've knocked on wood. This is miraculous! Praise the Lord!" I laughed out loud when I read those final three statements. It's like my friend didn't know where this good fortune came from. So here's a knock on wood in case this good thing resulted from luck, fate, or karma; and here's a Shout Out! to God in case this good thing was a blessing from on high. Covering every base, just in case.

Only one of the following can be true: 1) the details of your life are in the hands of a tri-omni God (omniscient, omnipotent, omni-present) who knows and loves you deeply, intimately, and completely or 2) the details of your life are at the mercy of unknowable fates that capriciously interject themselves into your circumstances. Which of these two statements do you accept as true? Do you live in the peace that comes from the certainty that the God of the universe loves you because of who He is rather than because of what you do or don't do? Or do you live in angst of the ever-changing tides of luck that shift based on your ability to remember to knock on wood, throw salt over your shoulder or pocket your lucky talisman? Either God is sovereign over every detail of your life or he is no god at all.

God really doesn't need any help. And most of you know this to be true. Yet when circumstances are difficult or unexplainable or unknowable, it is so very easy to fall into the trap of "What did I do wrong?" or "What did I not do that I should have done?" to keep this from happening?!?! God is present in the details of your life; even if you can't see Him, know that He is present. Here are three statements about God, God's sovereignty, and God's love for you. Think on these three statements. Use the statements as a catalyst for your personal Bible study; you'll find that Scripture confirms all three. Fully accept the three truths and you'll never again need a lucky coin or a piece of wood to knock on!

God is too kind to do anything cruel...

Too wise to make a mistake...

Too deep to explain Himself.

I'll cya in Sunday School & Worship !! Pk