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- ⊗ States "Words are like seeds, when you speak you prophesy your future. If you continue to say it that will become a reality." (Psa 115:3) **Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases**
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- ⊗ Doesn't teach vs. by vs., but how to live your best life now. *That's only true if someone is headed for Hell.* We can be saved by our own faith power. He's uncertain what happens to unbelievers when they die (Heb 9:27). *it is appointed for man to die once, & after that comes judgment*
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