

Sovereignty of God

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I. Introduction.

A. The world is not out of control—God is still in control.

B. Sovereignty is having supreme power and authority.

II. God's sovereignty.

A. God is sovereign over history. (Isaiah 14:24, 27; 46:10; 34:16; Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:9-10; Philippians 2:9-10)

B. God is sovereign in the affairs of nations. (Acts 17:26; Daniel 4:32; Job 12:23; Jeremiah 27:9; Ezekiel 31:14; Daniel 2:20)

C. God is sovereign in blessing and retribution. (Galatians 6:7; Isaiah 3:10-11; Obadiah 15; Jeremiah 4:3-4; 1 Kings 8:56; Proverbs 30:5; Luke 1:37; Proverbs 13:21; Psalm 139:16; Proverbs 21:1; 16:9; 1 Samuel 2:7; Job 10:9-10; 34:15-16; Psalm 75:6-7)

D. God is sovereign in the affairs of men's lives. (Job 23:13-14; Proverbs 16:33)

III. Implications and application of God's sovereignty.

A. The best choice is to trust God and press on.

B. God has limited his sovereignty in our right of choice, in a decision for Jesus Christ and daily obedience. God limited deity in Jesus. (Philippians 2; Hebrews 5:8; 2:10)

C. Application.

1. If God is really sovereign, do not fear the future. Grace is sufficient at the point of need. (Matthew 6:34)

2. Do not live in the past. (Isaiah 43:18)

3. Do not panic: God is sovereign, all-powerful (Matthew 28:18), all-knowing (Hebrews 4:13) and he loves us (John 13:1).

Application questions:

1. What are some situations in your life right now that can use some reflection upon God's sovereignty?

2. How can you testify personally to God's sovereignty?

3. What would you say to someone who is struggling with fear? Explain.
