

Sovereignty of God

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I. Introduction.

- A. The will of God and the sovereignty of God are closely tied together.
- B. God's will is always bigger than we bargain for.
- C. Giving our life to Christ's cause can cost us our lives.
- D. The doctrine of the sovereignty of God is practical and profitable. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- E. Text: Hebrews 12.

II. A training rule: we are to lay down every weight.

- A. It has to do with superfluous things.
- B. It spiritually has to do with self.
- C. God disciplines us for our good that we might share in his holiness.

III. The sovereignty of God.

- A. The circumstances of life.
- B. Faith.
- C. The object of our faith: God's sovereignty.
 - 1. We should not give up on God's sovereignty.
 - 2. It boils down to whether we really believe that God is in control of our lives.
 - 3. During hard times, our attention needs to be focused on Jesus.

IV. Our attitude should be that of a learner.

- A. We must refuse to be bitter even if we have a legitimate grief. Bitterness is devastating.
- B. Nothing must come in between our confidence in God's sovereignty.

V. Our action should be to endure. (Genesis 14:22)

Application questions:

1. What is the sovereignty of God and how can it be profitable?

2. How have you seen God work through particularly difficult situations in display of his sovereignty?

3. Why is bitterness such a threat to our Christian lives?
