

Sovereignty of God

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I. Introduction.

- A. It is our responsibility to create an environment that is clean. (II Corinthians 7:1)
- B. There are several diseases that we must cleanse ourselves.
- C. God cripples us in his sovereignty. (Genesis 32)

II. Disease of privacy. (Romans 14:7)

- A. God's sovereignty does not allow us to shut Him out of our lives. (Psalm 16:11, 42:1-2)
- B. The search for privacy is a search in futility. (Ephesians 2:21, II Corinthians 7:1)
- C. Jesus Christ paid for us with His blood—we are His.

III. Disease of rationalization.

- A. The sovereignty of God ends the arbitrary use of words. (I Samuel 15)
- B. Rationalization will paralyze a person.
- C. Satan supplants the church with another Jesus, Holy Spirit and gospel. (II Corinthians 11:2-4)
- D. Wounds will purify if they redirect us toward God.

IV. Disease of man-centered worship.

- A. Satan's promise to Eve was that she would be like God. (Isaiah 14)
- B. The bottom line of human experience is the character of God. (I Chronicles 29:11-16)

Application questions:

1. What is meant by the sovereignty of God?

2. How is God's sovereignty the answer to rationalization?

3. How do we fall into man-centered worship today? Explain.
