

# God is Sovereign

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Daniel 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

- I. He is the Almighty.
  - A. The word sovereign is not found in the Bible, but the word "Almighty" is found some 57 times - it means the same thing.
    - 1. It means supreme in power, supreme in dominion, superior to all others, supreme in his ability to accomplish everything.
  - B. God is all powerful and in control of everything in his universe.
  - C. There is One who is the final authority and has the absolute power to veto whatever men or angels determine to do.

Psalms 2:2-6 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

- D. He is ultimately in control of our individual lives, as well as the nations of the world.
- E. Do not be deceived into thinking that the future of the world depends only upon the governments and the armies of the world.
- F. Do not be deceived into thinking that Satan himself has free reign and can determine what happens with this world.
- G. Christ is the Creator and He is the King of kings and the LORD of Lords.
- H. God is sovereign, which means He rules in the affairs of men and nations.
- I. His Word is the final authority, whether men believe it or not.

Daniel 2:20-21 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

Psalms 75:6-7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

- II. God is not recognized by many anymore as the Almighty.
  - A. Most people have a god that they claim to know and love that is only a creation of their own mind and an imagination of their own heart.
  - B. He is there for support and for help in their times of need, but he is not Almighty in their lives or in the world they live in.
    - 1. They refuse to serve a God who is sovereign over them, or the world they live in.
  - C. He is there to take them to heaven someday, but they are not interested in his dominion and Lordship in their lives now.
  - D. These people are idolaters - not worshippers of the true God.

- E. This kind of person will also contend with God about what is going on in their life and try to bend God's will to conform to their own.
- F. This shows that this person does not really trust God and believe in Him.
- G. God, in his sovereign will, may permit things in our life that are difficult and seem to us unreasonable - but this is where faith comes in.
- H. If we believe in the God of heaven who created all things we must accept the fact that He is sovereign - He is the King, and He is not only able, but WILL always do what is right in his sight with us.
- I. God reveals much about his will in his written Word, and because He is sovereign we should not debate about it with him or with others, but simply accept what He says as final authority.

- III. The fact that God is sovereign is a great comfort and assurance to those who trust in Him.
  - A. Knowing that God is in control of all things gives us rest and comfort in our soul.
  - B. When those things come into our lives which are beyond our ability to deal with or cope with, we can cast our burden upon the Lord knowing that He is in control.
    - 1. Every trial is watched and measured by Him and it will not start or stop any longer than is necessary for his purpose to be accomplished.
  - C. When the world around us seems like it is going to explode at any moment we can remind ourselves that God is in control of it all.
  - D. When it seems like the people of this world are going to run the whole thing into the ground we can turn to God and know that He is watching and will intervene at exactly the right time.
  - E. Knowing that God is the Almighty Sovereign and has all things under his control makes it easy for us to put our little selves under his watch and care.
  - F. An essential part of faith is knowing that God is Sovereign.

Luke 8:25 And he said unto them, **Where is your faith?** And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, **What manner of man is this!** for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

- G. If the winds and the waves obey him it should be no problem for us to trust Him to bring this whole creation to a just and final conclusion.