

The Sovereignty of God

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

1. Why is Sovereignty important
 1. Determines what you think of God
 2. Determines how you respond to God
 3. Determines how you approach your Christian life
2. Purpose: To gain a right and exalted understanding of who God is. To see God in His proper position, on His throne, above all things and in control of all things, all for His glory! To think through how this should impact our lives. To marvel on how much God loves us!
3. The Sovereignty of God defined
 1. What does Sovereignty mean
 1. Dictionary
 1. A monarch, supreme ruler; a person with supreme power or authority
 2. Supreme; preeminent, indisputable
 3. Two aspect of Sovereignty - power and authority
 2. Easton's bible dictionary
 1. Of God, his absolute right to do all things according to his own good pleasure
(**D 4:25, 35; R 9:15-23; 1Ti 6:15; Rev 4:11**)
 3. A.W. Pinks definition - "The sovereignty of the God of Scripture is absolute, irresistible, infinite. When we say that God is Sovereign we affirm His right to govern the universe which He has made for His own glory, just as He pleases..."
 2. The sovereignty of God. This may be considered from two different aspects
 1. His authority (manifested in his sovereign will) – God's will in scripture is described as the final cause of all things, Rev. 4:11.
 1. God's will is separated into His secret and revealed will.
"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." **Deuteronomy 29:29**
 1. Secret will - is the will of God's decrees, which is hidden in God and can be known only from its effects.
 2. Revealed will - is the will of His precepts, which is revealed in the law and the gospel.
 2. His power - The power to execute His will is manifested in His omnipotence.

1. God, by the sure exercise of His will, can accomplish whatever He has decided, or He could do even more than that!
 1. *".. remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'" Isaiah 46:9-10*
 2. *And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Matthew 3:9*

3. How is God's sovereignty exercised
 1. Sovereignty exercised in His Power
 1. The Plagues, parting of Red Sea, defeat of Pharaoh
 2. Conquest of Canaan, Destruction of Jericho
 2. Sovereignty exercised in His Mercy (**R 9:15**)
 1. Two cases: Moses (**D 3:23-27**), and Hezekiah (**2K 20:1-6**)
 2. Jesus condescension in coming to this earth, for us!
 1. Jesus at pool of Bethesda (**J 5:6-9**)
 3. Sovereignty exercised in His Love (**R 9:13**)
 1. God loves who he chooses, He does not love everyone.
 1. He does not love the devil - nothing to love in him
 2. There is nothing in us to draw Him to us, we are children of wrath
 2. His love is of His own good pleasure (**E 1:3-5**)
 4. Sovereignty exercised in His Grace (**R 5:20-21**)
 1. Salvation is by grace, a free gift of God.
 2. Israel singled out, gentiles Walk in their own ways
 3. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob etc - us.

4. What does it mean that God is sovereign?
 1. God has the authority and power to accomplish whatever He wills; when, where and how He wills for His own Purposes and for His own Glory!