

# THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

## Equipping Hour

Sunday, June 2, 2024

### Sovereignty - God rules over all.

"God's dominion is total: he wills as he chooses and carries out all that he wills, and none can stay his hand or thwart his plans." J.I. Packer, *Concise Theology: A Guide to Historic Christian Beliefs*

"God is sovereign, and his sovereignty is both exhaustive (covering the whole sweep of history) and meticulous (every detail is planned and regulated)." Bruce A. Ware, *God's Greater Glory: The Exalted God of Scripture and the Christian Faith*

### GOD RULES OVER:

- His creation (Gen 1; Exodus 7-10; Job 38-41; Luke 8:22-25; Rev 20:11; 21:1)
- His earthly creatures (Gen 2:19; Gen 7:8-9; Ex 16; Ps 50:7-15; Luke 5:1-11; Matt 7:26; Is 65:25)
- His heavenly creatures (Gen 19:13; Neh 9:6; Rev 19:10; Matt 4:11; Matt 26:53)
- Fallen spiritual creatures (Job 1; Matt 4:10; Luke 4:41; Rev 20)
- Nations (Gen 11; Is 10:5-19; Is 47, Daniel 11; Acts 17:26; Rev 19:15)
- Individuals (Ex 11:3, Dan; Is 44:28; Acts 2:23; 4:27-28)
- The hardness of the hearts of individuals (Ex 7-11; Deut 2:30; Josh 11:20; John 12:37-40; Jer 17:9-10)
- His people's salvation (Ex 33:19; Is 43:1-3; Eph 1-2; Rom 9)
- His people's lives (Is 43:21; Eph 2:10; the Lord)

- Circumstances (Gen 50, Is 45:5-7; Acts 2:23, 13:29)
- All things (Ps 103:19; Ps 115:3; 135:6; Is 46:10; Eph 1:11; Rom 8:28)

### **IMPLICATIONS OF GOD'S RULE**

**“There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God’s sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that sovereignty has ordained their aictions, that sovereignty overrules them, and that sovereignty will sanctify them all. There is nothing for which the children ought more earnestly to contend than the doctrine of their Master over all creation—the kingship of God over all the works of His own hands—the throne of God and His right to sit upon that throne.” -Spurgeon from A.W. Pink, *The Attributes of God***

- Human Accountability/Responsibility
- Evangelism
- Prayer
- Rejoicing/Suffering
- Past/Present/Future Circumstances

### **QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

How should I shepherd my heart with thoughts about the sovereignty of God?

Are there any circumstances in my life where I have not recognized God’s sovereignty, and I need to pursue contentment and joy in Him?

Do I see any evidence of pride, self-reliance, or self-will in my heart that needs to be forsaken as I humble myself under God’s good rule in my life?