

God is SOVEREIGN ~ He is in CONTROL

→ Scripture Reading - Jeremiah 18:3-6

Defining God's Sovereignty

SOVEREIGNTY- God has the Power and the RIGHT to Govern ALL things.

God governs ALL things for His own Wise and Holy Purpose JP

SOVEREIGNTY- God Ordains whatever comes to pass Westminster Conf.

SOVEREIGNTY- God is totally and completely supreme, absolute creator and ruler, the one and ONLY God B McRae

Illustrating God's Sovereignty

1- God has Absolute CONTROL over the Nations

Daniel 4:35 (NIV) All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. HE does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"

God is in COMPLETE Control

- He does what He WANTS to with Heavenly Powers
- He does as He CHOOSES on Earth
- No one can STOP Him
- No one Can QUESTION Him

2- God's Purpose and Plan WILL be Accomplished

Isaiah 55:8-11 (NIV) ⁸ "For MY thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways MY ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are MY ways higher than your ways and MY thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is My WORD that goes out from My mouth: It WILL not return to ME empty, but WILL accomplish what I DESIRE and achieve the PURPOSE for which I sent it.

When God Speaks His

- plan IS Accomplished
- purpose IS Fulfilled

3- God is SOVEREIGN over Our LIVES

Jeremiah 18:3-6 (NIV) ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel.

⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Isaiah 64:8 (NLT) And yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand.

The Master Potter...

- Owns the Clay
- Shapes the clay the way He CHOOSES
- does NOT Consult the Clay

God's SOVEREIGNTY and Man's RESPONSIBILITY

Acts 2:22–23 (NIV) Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

Sovereignty and Responsibility

- God's Plan was for Jesus to DIE
- Jewish Leaders DEMANDED the death of Jesus
- Roman soldiers Nailed Him to a Cross

Genesis 37:19–28 (NIV) ¹⁹ "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. ²⁰ "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." ...²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the richly ornamented robe he was wearing - ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it. ...²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

RESPONDING to God's Sovereignty

Genesis 50:20–21 (NIV) ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

TAKE AWAY ??

Jeremiah 29:10–13 (NIV) ¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

If we Believe God is Sovereign each day...

- we will SUBMIT to His Will
- we will RE-AFFIRM the truth that He is GOOD
- we COMMIT ourselves to Obeying Him

Because God is SOVEREIGN ...NOTHING happens to us by mere Chance or Luck

Because God is Full in Control of ALL things ...we can Fully TRUST Him with ALL the Details of our Lives