

Series: "GOOGLING GOD"  
 Part 3: "IS GOD REALLY IN CONTROL?"  
 Crossroads Community Church  
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**Sovereignty Defined:**

- **Sovereign (adj.):** 1: above or superior to all others; chief; greatest; supreme 2: supreme in power, rank, or authority 3: of or holding the position of ruler, royal; reigning 4: independent of all others 5: excellent, outstanding
- **God \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ of creation**

**What Does God's Sovereignty Mean and Why is it Important?**

**1. He has ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ over everything and everyone**

*<sup>6</sup>By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. <sup>7</sup>He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. <sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. <sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.*

Psalm 33:6-9 (NIV)

*<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)

- God's power means:
  - He created all things (Genesis 1:1, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 11:3)
  - He sustains all things (Acts 17:28, Colossians 1:17, Hebrews 1:3)
  - He can do all things (Job 42:2, Jeremiah 32:27)
- **There is \_\_\_\_\_ our God cannot do**

**2. He is the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God.*  
 Isaiah 45:5a (NIV)

*<sup>6</sup>This is what the LORD says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.*

*<sup>7</sup>Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come.*

Isaiah 44:6-7 (NIV)

- God's authority means:
  - He is before all things (Psalm 90:2, Colossians 1:17)
  - He is above all things (Isaiah 45:5-12)
  - He knows all things (Psalm 139:4-6)
  - He rules over all things (Daniel 4:34-35)

- **Nothing happens \_\_\_\_\_ of God's authority or without His \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. He will ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ His purpose**

*I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. <sup>10</sup>I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'*

Isaiah 46:9b-10 (NIV)

*<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

*<sup>4</sup>'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

- **God's sovereignty \_\_\_\_\_ His promises**

**Sermon Notes:**

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