

Series: "GOOGLING GOD"  
 Part 1: "IS GOD REALLY IN CONTROL?"  
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➤ What you believe about God determines how \_\_\_\_\_ right now and where \_\_\_\_\_ forever

<sup>3</sup> And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. John 17:3 (NLT)

**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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