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We serve and we believe in a sovereign God. But the problem is this. Many people are confused or simply wrong in what they believe that means a sovereign God. Now every believer should accept that God is sovereign. But we need to understand that in the biblical way, God is sovereign. But that does not mean that everything that happens in this world, that God's the cause of it. See, some people teach this. If God's sovereign, then if anything happens outside of his will, that affects it threatens his sovereignty, not at all. This sovereign God is free to allow sin. He is not the cause of sin. He does not participate in sin. God cannot be tempted to sin and nor God tempts others to sin. God is never connected to sin.

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But realize this, God is able this wonderful sovereign God is able to take that which is sinful that which is evil, and he can use it for good, God always wants good. And therefore God who is sovereign, who is miraculous who is supernatural, he can take that which is evil, and turn it into good. How does he do that? Through his redemptive work through his power, that With God, all things are possible? Well, what I'd like to do in this short study is to look at a few passages, most of which are going to be from the book of Proverbs. And we're going to look at them literally, why.

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Because many times people will come to a verse of Scripture. And they will translate it in regard to their desires, they have a preconceived theological view. Therefore, they twist the scriptures in order for the scripture to support what they want it to say, rather than what it truly does. And that's why we have to be very careful about the translations that we're using. Now, I'm going to be reading as I always do, from the biblical language. If we're studying a New Testament passage, I'm looking at the Greek texts, not looking at a translation, but looking at the Greek texts and translating it while I'm teaching. If we're

looking at the Old Testament, usually there's a few chapters in Aramaic, but primarily the Old Testament was written in Hebrew. And what we're going to do is look at the Hebrew texts for a few Proverbs in one other passage, so we have a right understanding of the sovereignty of God. Look with me to the book of Proverbs, Proverbs chapter 16. And the very last verse of chapter 16, verse 33. Now the problem is that that many people do not understand the idioms in the Scripture. Let me go through this. Just a few short words. Let's look at them and understand them with the proper background. We read here, but check. You tell it ha Gora, back check. Is this part part of the body, the chest, the chest cavity, some would say, and the primary organ within this chest cavity is the heart. Now the Bible says As a man thinks in his heart, so when it says here in the Scripture, but back in the chest cavity, you tell it Hi, girl. Girl is lot. The lot is cast. Now let me ask you a question.

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Why do people cast lots because you're looking for the will of God Correct? Every time

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Someone cast lots in the Bible. It's because they're searching for God's will. They want to obey God. Now what they're doing is making a decision. So you cast lots in order to make a decision. That's the idiom cast lots. I'm deciding on something. I'm trying to figure something up. So the scripture says here,

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in the chest cavity back, you tell is casted the lot. So one cast lots in his chest cavity, he thinks about making a decision. Then let's look at the next part of the proverbs. Who may Adonai. And from the Lord Cole mish bateau, which means, see, the problem is this word, Miss spot.

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It does not mean decision. What some Bible says is this. Basically, you can't can mull things over in your heart, but realize from the Lord is every decision, really, is that what we believe that everything I'm trying to decide, as I think about it over and over. That is an idiom. I'm casting lots inwardly. I'm trying to find out what what I should do. And every decision is the Lord's from the Lord. I don't think so. See, this gives a person a false sense of, of justification. I am justified in doing that. Because you know, every decision is from God. God is sovereign. He controls everything. So whatever I do, it must be God's will. Or God is leaving me to do it for a reason. That that that I don't understand right now. And maybe I need to do this. Maybe this is something sinful, something I ought not do. But God wants me to do it. Because through this, he's going to teach me something from it. Well, God can teach me things through wrong things. But God's not the author of that. It is heresy here. This is wrong. It is incorrect to believe that every decision is from the Lord. No, I assure you, because I know myself. We all make decisions that are not from God. They're sinful. They can be rebellious, they're displeasing to God. What does this literally say? Well, let's look at it. But what the Bible says, and from the Lord called mish bateau,

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all of his judgment, the word Misbah comes from judgment. So what it's saying is this.

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You make decisions, you think about things. That's what it means, in your chest cavity in your heart. You cast lots, you're thinking about things. You're trying to discern what God's Will us, then he says, from the Lord is every judgment meaning this, God's going to hold you accountable, God's going to judge all those decisions? That's what it's saying. It's a warning. It is not viewed as a statement of you know, what, whatever you decide, it's from God. No, this is disastrous. When someone thinks every decision I just, you know, asks, What should I do? God help me with this. And whenever I come up with whatever I sense that I should do, it's from God, it may not be what it's telling us here is God's good to judge every decision. Well, let's move to another one. Stay within the book of Proverbs. And look now to Proverbs chapter 19. Proverbs chapter 19, and verse 21. Notice what it says.

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Many are the thoughts in a man's heart. And that's true. Many are the thoughts in a man's heart.

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But the counsel of the Lord, it will stand. Now, what is simply seen as this, you can have many thoughts, but what is going to be establish

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is the counsel of God. So if you want your life to be establish, then you do what you submit to the counsel of God, this is in the end, what's going to happen? It does not mean that many of our thoughts, but whatever is the outcome, that's the counsel of God, whatever is the outcome, this is God. No, this is so dangerous to to to understand this passage in this way. What it's telling us is this. It's God's counsel, that is going to, in the end, be what he's going to be behind what he's going to bring about. It's warning us to agree with the counsel of God, not

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saying, No, we have many thoughts. But

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in the end, it's all going to work out. No. If you don't choose the counsel of God, you're going to be outside. Now, let me give you an example of this from another place. And we've studied this before, but I think it's so foundational and so confusing. And that is Farrell. In each

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seat out. We know the Bible speaks about God heartening Pharaoh's heart.

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Some people understand it incorrectly. They believe that God needed Pharaoh to disobey Him. This is not the case. God always wants obedience. The purposes of God are always best advance through obedience. But realize just like we're standing and talking about proverbs 19, verse 21, in the in God's counsel is going to be establish, but realize there's implication and Pharaoh is a great example of this. Now, when you read in the book of Exodus, Moses comes up, and he says to Pharaoh, send my people forth, not let my people go, but sin, my people forth, what does that mean?

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He saying, Pharaoh, you need to participate in this. You need to agree with God, you need to participate in God's will let the children of Israel go send them forth.

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What does Pharaoh say? Pharaoh says, Who is the Lord, that I should obey Him? And what happens thereafter? God through some miracles, God through the plagues revealed himself to Pharaoh. And Pharaoh makes such statements as God is righteous, and I have sin. He says to Moses, Moses, intercede for me because of my sin. So Pharaoh grows, he knows that God is supernatural. He knows that God is greater than Pharaoh. This is a big revelation for him. Pharaoh was always taught, He's God. He is not.

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And Pharaoh is understanding God. But here's the problem.

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Every time Pharaoh has been convicted with what he should do, he knows it. In fact, he says he's going to do it. And what happens? God restores, he puts things back in the previous way, in a way that Pharaoh liked. Pharaoh thought was good. What did Pharaoh do? He then rebuilt. He knew God. He knew what he should do, but he rebelled against it. And that's when the Scripture says, God hardened Pharaoh's heart. And he says that several times, why? Here's the principle, it's a spiritual law.

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When you know the truth of God, and you reject it, that rejecting that act of rebellion has an adverse effect upon your heart. It hardens your heart, it makes that heart more insensitive to the things of God. This is what it's talking about. Do not think, Well, every decision that comes about God's going to whatever comes about, that's God. And that's what he wanted me to do. No, this is not what it's saying. Quite the contrary, look at this verse again, verse 21.

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Many are the thoughts in a man's heart. We have many things that we think about. I could do this, I could do that. But it says, The Council Lord, it's going to be established. So this tells us we need to seek God's counsel, because that's where God's going to be moving. Many the things that I think about many of the thoughts of my heart, they are not pleasing to God, they're not part of God's will. I need to pray for the counsel of the Lord. Because this is what God's behind this is what he's going to establish. Don't think that I have all these thoughts. And in the end, no matter what I do, God's going to work it out. No. Who's the example Pharaoh? It was because Pharaoh disobeyed with God. What happened? Pharaoh was destroyed. Now remember the context here? God says, I've chosen Pharaoh

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in order to proclaim the greatness of God throughout the earth. That was why God raised up Pharaoh. Now Pharaoh could do this in one of two ways. He could submit to God and agree with God. And in doing so this would proclaim the greatness of God. Pharaoh would say, Listen, I'm not God. I've met the real God. He

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He's the Creator of heavens and earth, we need to submit to Him. That's what God's desire for Pharaoh was. And he could demonstrate that by sending forth the children of Israel out of Egypt, doing something that the people would have never thought that Pharaoh would do. That's right. God changes our plants. But Pharaoh rejected. Now God still was shown great by Pharaoh how God's judgment destroyed Pharaoh, and Egypt. So here's the message.

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God's will is going to stand his council is going to be fulfilled. But if we agree and submit, we can be blessed. If we reject that, like Pharaoh did will be destroyed. So there's no blessing, and no part of God's reward when we ignore God, reject God. It's only when we agree with the counsel of the Lord. Let's go to another place. Turn if you would, to Proverbs chapter 21. Proverbs chapter 21. Look at verse one. Very well known scripture. In fact, so many times people will use this scripture and talking about a perversion of the sovereignty of God, let's look at it.

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streams of water. Now we know that that streams of water, they go, they meander through and who causes that?

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Nature, whose over nature God, so the streams of water go, and those what it says, streams of water is the heart of the king. Now people don't understand this next phrase, be EOD, Hashem, very important. Beata. Shem, is in the hand of the Lord. That is a known idiom. When we say, in the hand of the Lord, we're speaking about

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in under God's authority, and the hand is under his authority. And what it's saying is this. When the Kings heart recognizes God's authority, God's going to move things, he's going to direct things, all the Scripture, verse one, streams of water

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is the heart of the king, in the hand of the Lord,

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all which he desires, he turns. So when, when the king recognizes God's authority, this recognition of God's authority will cause God to move things according to His will, within that kingdom. The King is going to see God's providence in his his administration, when he recognizes God's authority. Do not think as some read this verse, that streams of water is the heart of the king in the hands of the Lord. Concerning all what He desires, he turns being this, some people look at it this way. God is sovereign. Yes, he is. Therefore, the heart of the king is in God's hands. And he just manipulates that King any way that he wants? No. See, here's the problem. If we take that view, then a king that does horrible things, a tyrant, that murders people, exploits, people steals from people, there's been many things like that. Is this God's activity? Is this God turning the the things in regard to the king? No, this is a

sinful man behaving simply doing shameful, horrible things of exploitation and oppression oppressing people. This has nothing to do with God. This is not a king that's recognizing God's authority. So do not be one that thinks well, if God's sovereign any is that means whatever happening, whatever this king, whatever this leader, whatever this government's doing, it must be God's will No, no. And no, there is sinful men do not blame God for sinful men. Now, being Jewish, something that's very important to me is the Holocaust. And what I tell people is this, never blame God. People say, Where was God? Don't blame God for the sinfulness of human beings. God's not the cause of that. It's because people rejected God, that they did these horrible things. So we need to have a proper understanding of the sovereignty of God. Look down to verse two.

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Every way of a man is right in his own eyes. But the Lord regulates the heart. Now, what does that mean?

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Well, the concept is this left to myself as I once again trying to make a decision. Notice what it says Cole dare, Cole is all Derek is way. Ish is sharp enough. Every way seems right in the eyes of men.

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But they're not alright.

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So this scripture saying, left to himself.

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Terrible things may seem right to him. Correct. But God, God regulates the heart meaning this. This is a verse that says, you need God's input in your life. You need God to regulate your heart. Because left to yourself, everything's gonna seem right to you. You're gonna say, Well, I think this is right.

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It's not, you are going to be easily deceived. All this versus saying is how much we need God to regulate our heart, put it in order, control our heart. That just doesn't happen because God's sovereign, we have to submit we have to invite we have to pray. We have to study his word to find the mind of God, so that we make the right decisions. That's what the Scriptures say. Well, one more and we'll wrap up turn to a another very important scripture. We've looked at this before, the book of of, of Esther, the book of Esther, chapter four. Now, this is when Mordecai he hears now, about humans that wicked humans plan to destroy, exterminate the Jewish people. And he's grieved and he wants Esther to do something. So he sends word into the palace, so that Esther does something. What is that? Well look with me Esther chapter four. And it says here, that he wants Esther to go before the king to supplicate for the Jewish people. And Esther doesn't want to do so why? Well, she's concerned. She has not been called before the king for 30 days. So there's two ways to understand this. One is this.

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The King is displeased. He hasn't called her for 30 days. And if she goes before the king, which is illegal to do, you only give go before the king is your call to do so no one would be so bold to go before him on their own initiative. This is what Mordecai is telling Esther to do. You go now at this time, and she says, look at this verse, verse 11. She says in this passage, there's one law if I go there, without an invitation, he can put me to death. I haven't been called for 30 days. This means he's angry. And if I do that, he'll use that against me. Now, the second way that people understand it is this. He hasn't called me for 30 days so soon he will. If not today, tomorrow, so I don't need to take the initiative. I'll just wait for him to call me because it's got to happen soon. Either way, she's being disobedient why? Mordecai says Now you go before the king. Now. She doesn't want to now look, if you would to the the 12th verse where it says.

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And it was told to Mordecai the words of Esther, verse 13. And Mordecai said to return meaning speak to Esther. And this is what Mordecai said, that would be told to her. Do not imagine in your soul, meaning don't think that you are going to escape

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the house of the King don't think that you're going to because you're in the house of the king. You're that queen that you're going to skip, escape this this sentence this decree more than the other Jews. She's Jewish. And he's saying you need to go now and intercede on behalf of this. Don't imagine your heart because you are in the king's house, that some ways that you're going to escape this and be different than all the other Jews first 14. For if you are utterly silent. Notice what it says.

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At this time.

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Deliverance is word Reva which is is basically profit but it means deliverance and self

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He will stand for the Jewish people from another way. Now, this shows that God can fulfill His will, through a multiplicity of different ways. He's not just dependent upon one. He's able to accomplish his purposes through a variety of different means. And this is what he's saying. God's General will is the Jewish people are not going to be exterminated. So you should go and do this. But if not, God will deliver us another way. But notice what he says.

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But you, middle of verse 14, but you and the household of your father will perish. So he says, here's the situation. God is sovereign. Yes, he is. His sovereign will is Israel, the Jewish people are not going to be destroyed. And he's telling us dirt Mordecai is telling us there. You go now and intercede at this time. If you don't, you're not going to thwart the will of God. This this deliverance, and success and salvation will come to the Jewish people through a another way, but you're not being obedient. Therefore, don't think that your house of your father is going to survive that you're going to, to to not



perish you will perish. So we see that God has a variety of ways of fulfilling His purpose. And the same way with Pharaoh what Mordecai is saying is this.

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Pharaoh, if you obey, you can be blessed. If you don't obey God's will still will be done, but you are going to perish. That's the truth for Pharaoh. That's the same truth that Mordecai shared with Esther. Esther, it's for this time that you've come to this position, that you're in the king's house so that you can do this. You go. And if you do, you'll be blessed. But if you don't,

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you will perish. But God will bring up salvation, deliverance force people through another mean, this is how we understand the sovereignty of God. So is God sovereign? Yes, he is. Is he absolutely sovereign? Yes, he is. But does that mean everything that happens is God's will? No. There's a lot of things that happen in this world, that are not God's Will you know what we call them sin. But the sinfulness of man does not mean that God's will is going to be thwarted in the God's will, will be done, but those that are not submissive to God, that do not receive that gospel that reject that rebel, they're going to be eternally loss. Only those who say yes to God, are going to be blessed by the sovereign God, those who reject and say no to God, they're going to be consumed by the sovereign God. But again, not everything that happens in this world is of God. Men can act and man can act sinful, and do that which is against God's will, that does not hinder or attack the sovereignty of God. God is free to allow that he can use it for His purpose, and he will allow it for time but in the end, God will move against all rebellious SNESs all disobedience, all sin, and He will create a kingdom where there will not be any sin or rebelliousness, there will be a kingdom of righteousness, agree with God, serve this righteous king, and you will find God blessing you and moving in your life. So the sovereignty of God a very important doctrine that we need to perceive correctly.

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