THE PERFECTIONS OF GOD HIS SOVEREIGNTY PSALM 103:19-22

Eternality

Sovereignty

THE PERFECTIONS OF GOD

Transcendence

Immutability

The GLORY of God's sovereignty
The WONDER of God's sovereignty
The WORSHIP of God's sovereignty



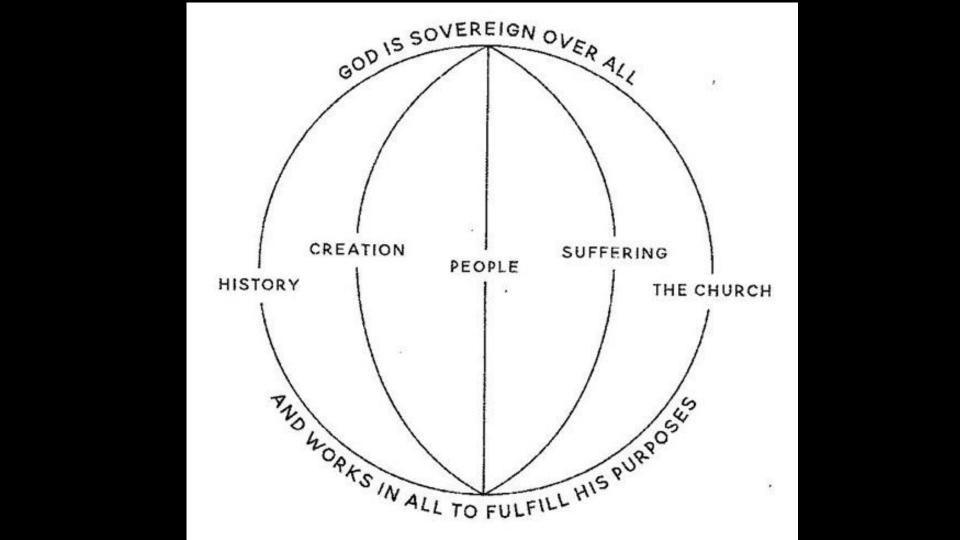
THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD



The GLORY of God's sovereignty a. The MEANING of sovereignty b. The TRUTH of sovereignty

The GLORY of God's sovereignty a. The MEANING of sovereignty

¹⁹The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! ²¹Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! ²²Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Psalm 103:19-22



HE HAS RECEIVED IT BY THE HAND OF NO OTHER. HE IS THE SOLE CAUSE FOR HIS OWN KINGDOM AND HIS **SOVEREIGNTY IS INFINITE AND A PART** OF HIS ETERNAL NATURE. NO ONE SETS LAWS FOR HIM.

The GLORY of God's sovereignty a. The MEANING of sovereignty b. The TRUTH of sovereignty

¹⁵Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God,

¹⁷saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

Revelation 11:15-17

...his kingdom rules over all. Ps 103:9

"the heavens and the heaven of heavens are the Lords and the earth also." Deuteronomy 10.14

praises to your name, O Most High;

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing

Psalm 92.1

¹¹Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. *I Chronicles* 29.11-12

THE GLORIOUS KINGDOM OVER WHICH HE WILL RULE, OVER ALL THE GLORIFIED SAINTS, AND OVER ALL OF ETERNITY FOLLOWING THE CONDEMNATION OF ALL EVIL AND ALL EVIL ONES.

The WONDER of God's sovereignty a. The MARVEL of God's sovereignty b. The SPLENDOR of God's sovereignty

The WONDER of God's sovereignty a. The MARVEL of God's sovereignty

IN HIS KINGDOM GOD HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE WHAT HE PLEASES, TO GOVERN WHAT HE HAS MADE AS HE PLEASES, AND TO DISPOSE OF WHAT HE HAS MADE AS HE PLEASES.

They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them **Romans 2.15**

THIS IS SO MUCH A PART OF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD THAT WHEN WE THINK OF GOD AT ALL, WE THINK PRIMARILY OF HIS SOVEREIGN KINGDOM RULE.

The WONDER of God's sovereignty
a. The MARVEL of God's sovereignty
b. The SPLENDOR of God's sovereignty

b. The SPLENDOR of God's sovereignty --Independent

- --Absolute
- --Creation
- --Redemption
- --Incommunicable

b. The SPLENDOR of God's sovereignty --Independent

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9.6

GOD DOES NOT NEED LICENSE NOR PERMISSION FROM ANY TO ACT NOR DIRECTION ON HOW TO ACT NOR ASSISTANCE IN HIS ACTION. HE RECEIVED NO ORDERS TO CREATE, NOR DOES HE RECEIVE ANY ORDERS CONCERNING THE NATURE OF HIS RULE.

The SPLENDOR of God's sovereignty --Independent --Absolute

--Absolute

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Revelation 4:11

--Absolute in supremacy

For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, "What are you doing?"

Ecclesiastes 8:4

--Absolute righteousness

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Romans 11:33

GOD CANNOT DO THAT WHICH IS NOT FULLY IN AGREEMENT WITH HIS WISDOM, JUSTICE AND HOLINESS.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Psalm 89:14

God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Psalm 47:8

INDEED, WE ARE HUMBLED BY SUCH WISDOM AND BY SUCH SOVEREIGNTY AND WELL WE SHOULD BE. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IS EXERCISED CONSISTENTLY WITH HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HIS HOLINESS.

--Absolute power

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers,

1 Timothy 1:8-9

GOD IS HIS OWN LAW, HIS NATURE IS HIS RULE

The SPLENDOR of God's sovereignty

- --Independent
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¹Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. 4"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 1ab 20.1 E /all 20

I also withheld the rain from you when there were yet three months to the harvest; I would send rain on one city, and send no rain on another city; one field would have rain, and the field on which it did not rain would wither; **Amos 4:7**

"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 18:6

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Psalm 47:7

IT IS HIS CHOICE TO BE BENEFACTOR OR JUDGE. IN HIS SOVEREIGNTY HE RIGHTLY EXERCISES PATIENCE TOWARD SOME WHO IN GREAT SIN DESERVE SPEEDY JUDGMENT AND ON THE OTHER HAND POURS OUT PAIN ON THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED UPRIGHTLY IN VIRTUE.

The SPLENDOR of God's sovereignty

- --Independent
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- --Redemption

²⁵Then Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship, and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before the Lord. Then Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his home. ²⁶Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went men of valor whose hearts God had touched.

1 Samuel 10:25-26

...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Acts 2:23

Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

John 9:3

OUR HEART OR CONSCIENCE IS GOD'S THRONE ON EARTH. HE HAS RESERVED IT FOR HIMSELF AND SO HE USES IT TO **BRING CONVICTION OR COMFORT AND** SO POWERFUL IS HIS AUTHORITY THAT NO ONE CAN REFUSE COMFORT WHEN HIS GUILT IS MANIFEST NOR CAN **ANYONE BRING TERROR WHEN HIS** COMFORT IS RESTING THERE.

b. The SPLENDOR of God's sovereignty

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Timothy 1:17

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

INDEED, THIS DIMENSION OF GOD IS SO UNIQUE IT IS IN NO WAY COMMUNICABLE TO THE CREATURE. NO CREATURE IS ABLE TO EXERCISE SOVEREIGNTY AS GOD DOES IN THAT THE CREATURE IS NOT **OMNISCIENT, OMNIPOTENT AND** PERFECTLY HOLY.

HIS SOVEREIGNTY

The GLORY of God's sovereignty
The WONDER of God's sovereignty
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HIS SOVEREIGNTY

The WORSHIP of God's sovereignty
a. Worship before God in HUMILITY
b. Worship before God in REVERENCE
c. Worship before God in OBEDIENCE

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Jonathan Edwards

Worship before God in HUMILITY

⁵I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:5-6

the son of man, that you care for him? Hebrews 2:6

What is man, that you are mindful of him, or

HOW LITTLE IS MAN IN COMPARISON WITH OUR EARTH AND HOW LITTLE A THING IS OUR EARTH WITH REGARD TO THE VAST UNIVERSE AND HOW SMALL A THING IS OUR UNIVERSE IN COMPARISON TO GOD.

Worship before God in REVERENCE

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:36

HIS GLORY MUST BE EXALTED BY OUR LIVES. WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE HIS CREATURES AND REALIZE THAT WE ARE ORDERED TO THE SERVICE OF THAT WHICH IS MORE **EXCELLENT THAN OURSELVES, GOD** HIMSELF.

Worship before God in OBEDIENCE

"If you love me, you will keep my commands."

John 14:15

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do

Walk before God in OBEDIENCE

what I tell you? Luke 6:46

OUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD IS DONE OUT OF RESPECT FOR HIS SOVEREIGNTY AND IT IS TO BE THE BEST AND MOST EXACT **OBEDIENCE THAT HE CAN CAUSE US TO ACCOMPLISH. OUR OBEDIENCE NEEDS TO** BE SINCERE AND INWARD, NOT JUST **EXTERNAL CONFORMITY BUT OF THE** HEART. IT IS AN OBEDIENCE THAT IS DIRECTED TO HIM AND HIM ALONE FOR WE CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS.

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