

Deeper Series

Week 4

Doctrine of God's Sovereignty

Outline

1. Sovereignty defined
2. Story that displays
3. Savior that delivers

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1. Sovereignty defined

a. What sovereignty means

b. What sovereignty doesn't mean

“What does it mean that the Bible teaches that God is sovereign? It means that God is in absolute control of his world and everything that happens, without any gaps, limits, interference, or thwarting of his rule. It means that God alone determines all that will happen and rules the means by which everything will happen...

... This means that God never has questions, never is surprised, never is frustrated, never wonders, never is greeted with mystery, never wishes he could have, never looks back with regret, never is hoping, never is waiting, never feels helpless, has nothing he can't figure out, and never finds himself at a loss...

..No one can back God into a corner. He is never pressed to do something. There is no authority over him that he has to answer to. He does what he pleases, decides whatever he wants, and acts as he wants. To say God is sovereign is simply to say that God is God and there is no one like him.”

- Paul David Tripp

Prov. 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.

Dan. 4:35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

Psalm 115:3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

*Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these? He who brings out their host
by number, calling them all by name, by the
greatness of his might, and because he is strong
in power not one is missing.*

1 Tim. 6:15b-16a he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see.

Isaiah 46: 9-11: for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

Matt. 10:29-31 29“Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31“So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

Colossians 1:16-17 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Psalm 33:10-11 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

Psalm 115:3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

*Psalm 22:28 For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.*

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Sovereignty doesn't mean that
God has authored evil

The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he (Deuteronomy 32:4).

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5).

God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one (James 1:13).

Sovereignty doesn't mean that
we don't have responsibility.

Phil 2:11-12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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Gen 50 14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father. 15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."

*Gen 5 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying,
“Your father gave this command before he died:
17 ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression
of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil
to you.” And now, please forgive the transgression
of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph
wept when they spoke to him.*

Gen 50 18His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” 19But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

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Genesis 50: 24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Hebrews 11:22 By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the Exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.