

July 13th – The Sovereign Over All Sovereigns

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.”
(Prov. 21:1)

This world has its share of leaders. We’ve got everything from kings & queens, presidents and prime ministers, and even tyrants and dictators. Some leaders are elected and some are unelected. Some arrive to their position by the will of the people, while others come to power through coercion and military might. Some leaders are entrusted with final and absolute power, and in such cases we call them “sovereigns.” They are free to exercise complete control over the kingdom.

Regardless of who is in power, we need to understand that there is a Higher Power over all earthly powers. There is a King above all Kings – a Ruler who is exalted over all the rulers of the earth. To demonstrate that point, Solomon (a king himself) was inspired to say that “the king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord.” In other words, though rulers might think they have complete control and are accountable to no one else, each of them was appointed to their position by God Himself (Rom. 13:1).

That being the case, God has the power to turn the heart of a king “like the rivers of water.” As the Sovereign above all sovereigns, “He turns it (the king’s heart) wherever He wishes.” Of course, we know that God has given us free will. Rulers can and often do make terrible decisions – just think of Hitler, Stalin, etc. And yet, at any time the King of Kings can turn the heart of any king any way He desires. May we never forget that Christ is still in complete control as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.