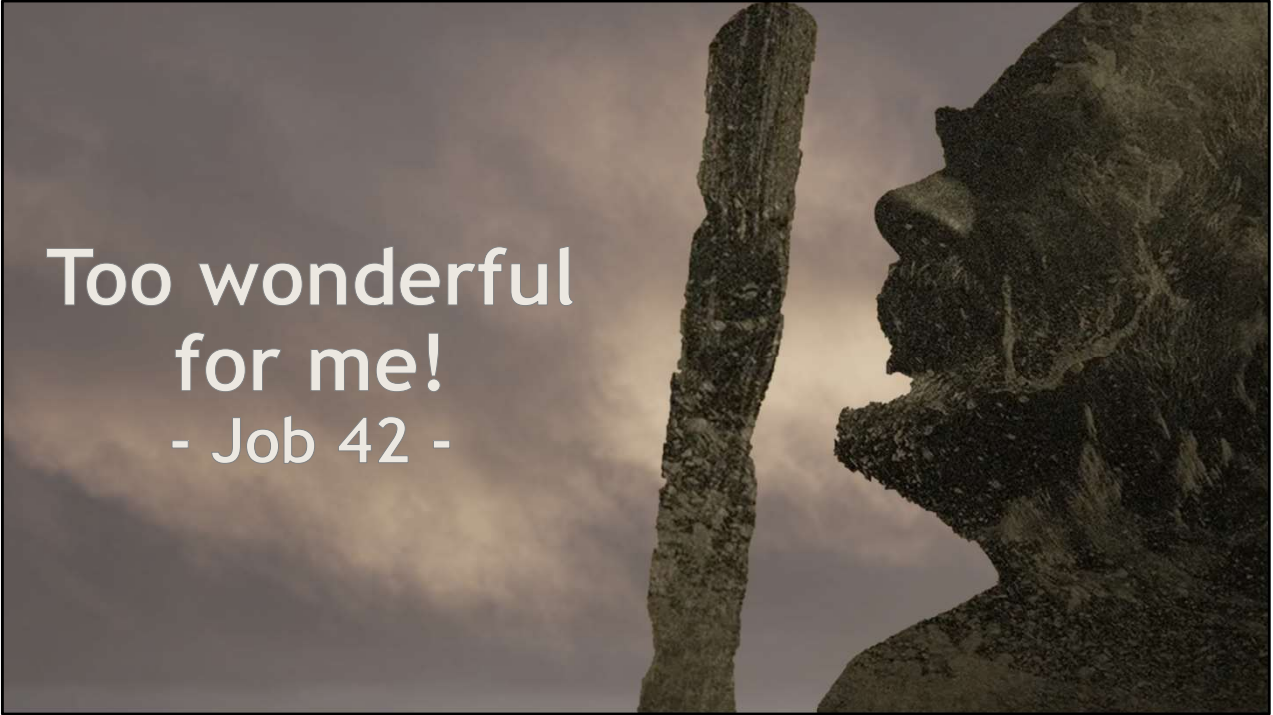


YET
I WILL SEE GOD
A Study in Job



Too wonderful
for me!
- Job 42 -

Passage: Job 42:1-9

- After God answers Job twice (38:1, 40:1) Job responds, what do we learn from Job in this?
- Job immediately responds to God by exclaiming aspects of who God is, which are?
- Have you ever hated yourself? And rightly so?
- "But now my eye sees You", tells us what?
- What is the difference between saying "sorry" and repenting?
- What is Repentance?
- When is the last time you repented?
- What are "Things too wonderful for me"??
- Arent you thankful the Lord often does NOT deal with us according to our folly?!
- God says to Jobs friend: "you have not spoken of Me what is trustworthy, as

My servant Job *has*" yet Job retracted what he said. How are we to understand all this?

- Job praised the LORD in His Sovereignty! Can you define Sovereignty and what it means?
- How can we reconcile the Sovereignty of God and the moral agency of Man?
- How can we reconcile the Sovereignty of God and the problem of Evil?
- Can and does God violate mans will?



We've reached the end of our study.
Notice the contrast!
Things are NOT as they appear!

Job, partly naked and in sackcloth, ashes and destitution! Children dead, all his wealth stolen, in deep physical agony and misery and depression, YET God speaks with him and not his well-dressed pompous friends judging him as worthy of his suffering! He is only hours away from a radical promotion!

They all heard God speak to Job

This flat out rebukes the health, wealth prosperity movement!

“Let him who rebukes God give an answer.”

- Job 40:1-5 - “Brace yourself like a man!”
 - The Creator answers the speck, an individualized talk!
 - A merciful and patient yet direct reminder!
- “Behold, I am insignificant” - too big for my britches
 - “ours is not to reason why; ours is but to do and die”
 - Yet, Jehovah makes me very significant!
7:17 - What is man!
 - John 3:30 - “He must increase, but I must decrease.”
Matthew 11:3

The 1st speech Ch.40 focuses on Gods Counsel or wisdom (His competency or worth!),
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Gods Omniscience and wisdom and Authority/Rights are established since they've been called into question

[Job 1:22 NASB20] 22 Despite all this, Job did not sin, nor did he blame God.

[Job 2:10 NASB20] 10 But he said to her, "You are speaking as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we actually accept good from God but not accept adversity?" Despite all this, Job did not sin with his lips.

[Jas 1:26 NASB20] 26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his [own] heart, this person's religion is worthless.

[Jas 3:5-6, 8 NASB20] 5 So also the tongue is a small part [of the body,] and [yet] it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, the [very] world of unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our body's parts as that which defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of [our] life, and is set on fire by hell. ... 8 But no one [among] mankind can tame the tongue; [it is] a restless evil, full of deadly

poison.

God, master of the universe! Condescends to talk with a mere man! God honors Jobs Struggle, Honesty and prayer. God answers prayer!!!

“What is Man”? Mercy and Grace!!

God simply does NOT owe us answers! We DO owe Him answers!
“We serve at the pleasure of our creator”!

At Addies bday party, 8?, she was asked to put something away and Addie responded
“Why don’t you do it for once”

[Job 7:17 NASB20] 17 “What is man that You exalt him, And that You are concerned about him,

[Job 15:14 NASB20] 14 “What is man, that he would be pure, Or he who is born of a woman, that he would be righteous?

[Psa 8:4 NASB20] 4 What is man that You think of him, And a son of man that You are concerned about him?

[Psa 144:3 NASB20] 3 LORD, what is man, that You look after him? Or a son of man, that You think of him?

[Heb 2:6 NASB20] 6 But someone has testified somewhere, saying, “WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU THINK OF HIM? OR A SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?”

The phrase “ours is not to reason why; ours is but to do and die” is a slightly altered version of lines written by Lord Alfred Tennyson in his 1854 poem, **The Charge of the Light Brigade, about a failed British military action**

[Mat 11:1-8 NASB20] 1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. 2 Now [while] in prison, John heard about the works of Christ, and he sent [word] by his disciples, 3 and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or are we to look for someone else?” 4 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you hear and see: 5 [those who are] BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and [those who] limp walk, [those] with leprosy are cleansed and [those who are] deaf hear, [the] dead are raised, and [the] POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. 6 “And blessed is any person who does not take offense at Me.” 7 As these [disciples of John] were going [away,] Jesus began speaking to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 “But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft [clothing?] Those who wear soft [clothing] are in kings’ palaces!

Abraham, Jacob, David, Elijah, Ezra, Nehemiah, David, Isaiah, Daniel, Peter, Prodigal son, Tax collector, Paul

[Gen 18:27 NASB20] 27 And Abraham replied, "Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am [only] dust and ashes.

[Gen 32:10 NASB20] 10 I am unworthy of all the favor and of all the faithfulness, which You have shown to Your servant; for with [only] my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies.

[2Sa 24:10 Now David's heart troubled him after he had counted the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, LORD, please overlook the guilt of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."

[1Ki 19:4 NASB20] 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree; and he asked for himself to die, and said, "Enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers."

[Ezr 9:6, 15 NASB20] 6 and I said, "My God, I am ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God, for our wrongful deeds have risen above our heads, and our guilt has grown even to the heavens. ... 15 "LORD God of Israel, You are righteous, for we have been left an escaped remnant, as [it is] this day; behold, we are before You in our guilt, for no one can stand before You because of this."

[Neh 9:33 NASB20] 33 "However, You are righteous in everything that has happened to us; For You have dealt faithfully, but we have acted wickedly.

[Psa 51:4-5 Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in guilt, And in sin my mother conceived me.

[Isa 6:5 NASB20] 5 Then I said, "Woe to me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of armies."

[Dan 9:5, 7 we have sinned, we have done wrong, and acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. ... 7 "Righteousness [belongs] to You, Lord, but to us open shame, as [it is] this day-- to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You.

[Luk 5:8 NASB20] 8 But when Simon Peter saw [this,] he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

[Luk 15:18-19 NASB20] 18 'I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers."

[Luk 18:13 NASB20] 13 "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

[1Ti 1:15 NASB20] 15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost.

[Job 9:31-35 NASB20] 31 Then You would plunge me into the pit, And my own clothes would loathe me. 32 "For [He is] not a man, as I am, that I may answer Him-

- That we may go to court together! 33 "There is no arbitrator between us, Who can place his hand upon us both. 34 "Let Him remove His rod from me, And let not the dread of Him terrify me. 35 "[Then] I would speak and not fear Him; But I am not like that in myself.

[Job 16:21 NASB20] 21 That one might plead for a man with God As a son of man with his neighbor!

[Job 23:4-7 NASB20] 4 "I would present [my] case before Him And fill my mouth with arguments. 5 "I would learn the words [which] He would answer, And perceive what He would tell me. 6 "Would He contend with me by the greatness of [His] power? No, surely He would pay attention to me. 7 "There the upright would argue with Him; And I would be free of my Judge forever.

[Job 31:37 NASB20] 37 "I would declare to Him the number of my steps; Like a prince, I would approach Him.

[Job 34:32 NASB20] 32 Teach me what I do not see; If I have done wrong, I will not do it again'?

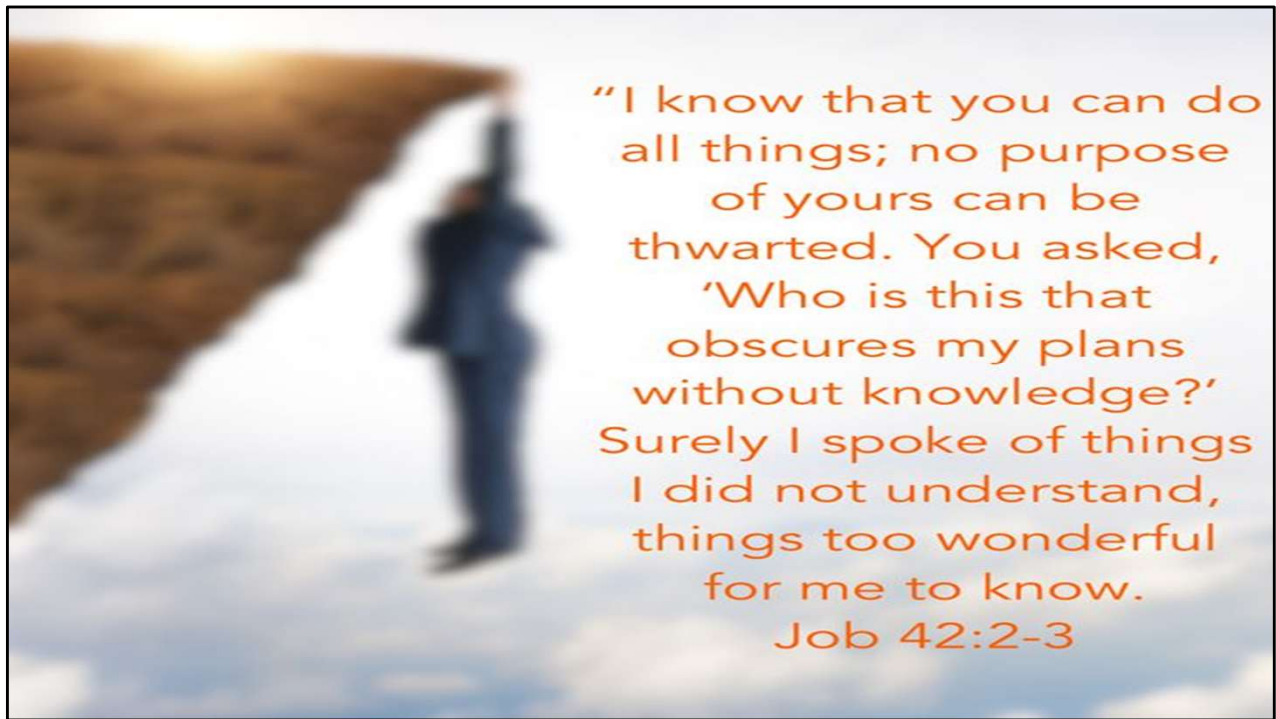
[Rom 3:19 NASB20] 19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;

[Psa 24:3 NASB20] 3 Who may ascend onto the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place?

[Psa 24:4 NASB20] 4 One who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to deceit And has not sworn deceitfully.

[Psa 15:1 NASB20] 1 A Psalm of David. LORD, who may reside in Your tent? Who may settle on Your holy hill?

[Psa 130:1-4 NLT] 1 A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem. From the depths of despair, O LORD, I call for your help. 2 Hear my cry, O Lord. Pay attention to my prayer. 3 LORD, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive? 4 But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you.



“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.
Job 42:2-3

Ever feel like you're barely hanging on?!!

Then Job answered the LORD and said,

- Job was listening really well! Do you?!
 - Job 42:2 - “I know that You can [do] all things, and that no plan is impossible for You.” - God’s majestic creative power
 - “Who is this who conceals advice without knowledge?” 38:2
 - “Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand”
 - Things too wonderful for me, which I do not know.
 - “Therefore I retract, and I repent, sitting on dust and ashes.”

[Job 38:1-2 NASB20] 1 Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind and said, 2 “Who is this who darkens [the divine] plan By words without knowledge?”

[Job 42:3 NASB20] 3 ‘Who is this who conceals advice without knowledge?’

Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I do not know.

[Job 40:3-5 NASB20] 3 Then Job answered the LORD and said, 4 “Behold, I am insignificant; what can I say in response to You? I put my hand on my mouth. 5 “I have spoken once, and I will not reply; Or twice, and I will add nothing [more.]“

[Job 42:1-6 NASB20] 1 Then Job answered the LORD and said, 2 “I know that You can [do] all things, And that no plan is impossible for You. 3 ‘Who is this who conceals advice without knowledge?’ Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I do not know. 4 ‘Please listen, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You instruct me.’ 5 “I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You; 6 Therefore I retract, And I repent, [sitting] on dust and ashes.”

Job repeated and reaffirmed what God was saying - Look at His engineering brilliance in the masterpiece of creation! Job heard the main points and restated and affirmed them! Do we do that?!!

Job repeated Gods exact words and confessed his guilt to Gods rhetorical charge!

Job repents! Admits Sin and asks forgiveness for

Most people deflect, argue the point, yeah BUT...or one of a thousand other debate points. Ask your partner or parent, "Am I a good listener"?!

[Psa 40:5 NASB20] 5 Many, LORD my God, are the wonders which You have done, And Your thoughts toward us; There is no one to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, They would be too numerous to count.

[Psa 131:1 NASB20] 1 A Song of Ascents, of David. LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes arrogant; Nor do I involve myself in great matters, Or in things too difficult for me.

[Psa 139:6 NASB20] 6 [Such] knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is [too] high, I cannot comprehend it.

[Pro 30:2-4 NASB20] 2 I am certainly more stupid than any man, And I do not have the understanding of a man; 3 Nor have I learned wisdom, Nor do I have the knowledge of the Holy One. 4 Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His Son's name? Surely you know!

Then Job replied to the LORD:
I KNOW that
YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

YOU ASKED, 'Who is this that questions
my wisdom with such ignorance?'

It is I—and I was
talking about things I knew nothing about,
things far too wonderful for me.
JOB 42:2-3

Job repents! Job 42

- Admits Sin and asks for forgiveness for
 - “you can do all things” - Never diminish God’s glory
 - “you can do all things” - Wait on the Lord’s plan, God at work!
 - “no plan is impossible for You.” - I’ll trust your heart for me!
 - “no plan is impossible for You.” - You are King! It’s not over!
 - “I have declared that which I did not understand” - James 3:1
- “But now my eye sees You” - 42:5

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- What is the difference between saying "sorry" and repenting?
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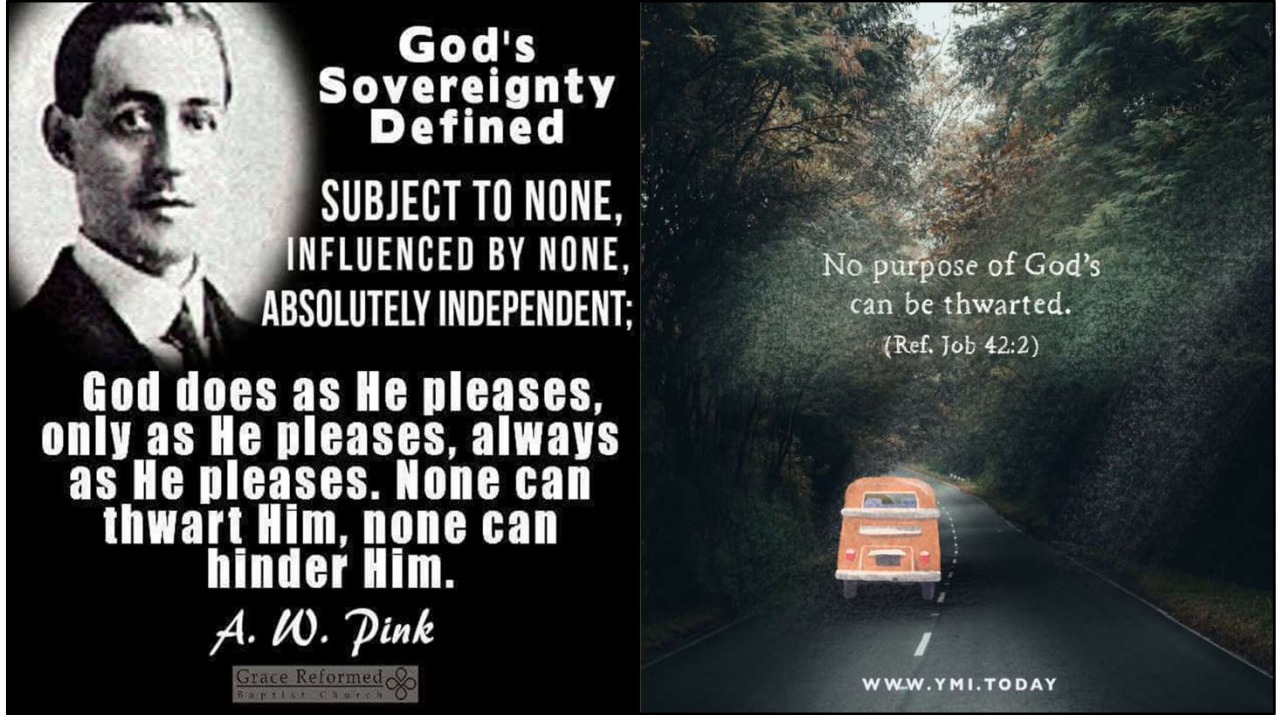
God....you ARE God and I am Not. You can do whatever you please! Who am I to criticize or question it?

Patience is waiting on God! Trusting His plan and remembrance of me!

Do you really think Job was expecting God to change his circumstances? Did Job expect healing?

[Jas 3:1-3 NASB20] 1 Do not become teachers in large numbers, my brothers, since you know that we [who are teachers] will incur a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many [ways.] If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to rein in the whole body as well. 3 Now if we put the bits into

the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their whole body as well.



God's Sovereignty defined
Subject to None
Influenced by none
Absolutely independent

God does as HE pleases,
Only as HE Pleases
Always as he pleases.
None can thwart Him,
None can Hinder Him! AW Pink

No Purpose of God can be thwarted!

Things too wonderful for me

... now my eye sees you!

- Psalm 40:5 - Many, Lord my God, are the wonders which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us ...
- Psalm 131:1 - Nor do I involve myself in great matters, or in things too **difficult** (wonderful) for me.
- Psalm 139:6 - [Such] knowledge is **too wonderful** (**difficult**) for me; It is [too] high, I cannot comprehend it.

Did Job see God? With his eyes? Was it Jesus?!

[Job 19:25-27 NASB20] 25 "Yet as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last, He will take His stand on the earth. 26 "Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I will see God, 27 Whom I, on my part, shall behold for myself, And [whom] my eyes will see, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Wonderful = Incomprehensible,
Unfathomable
Indescribable
Inscrutable
Unspeakable

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[Pro 30:18 NASB20] 18 **There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Four which I do not understand:**

[Pro 30:19 NASB20] 19 The way of the eagle in the sky, The way of a snake on a rock, The way of a ship in the middle of the sea, And **the way of a man with a virgin.**

[Psa 139:1-18, 23-24 NASB20] 1 For the music director. A Psalm of David. LORD, You have searched me and known [me.] 2 You know when I sit down and when I get up; You understand my thought from far away. 3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, LORD, You know it all. 5 You have encircled me behind and in front, And placed Your hand upon me. **6 [Such] knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is [too] high, I cannot comprehend it.** 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. 9 [If] I take up the wings of the dawn, [If] I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will take hold of me. 11 [If] I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night," 12 Even darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike [to You.] 13 For You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. **14 I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully [made;] Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.** 15 My frame was not hidden from You When I was made in secret, [And] skillfully formed in the depths of the earth; 16 Your eyes have seen my formless substance; And in Your book were written All the days that were ordained [for me,] When as yet there was not one of them. 17 **How precious also are Your thoughts for me, God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sand.** When I awake, I am still with You. ... 23 Search me, God, and know my heart; Put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts; 24 And see if there is [any] hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

[Isa 9:6 NASB20] 6 For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And **His name will be called Wonderful** Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

[Isa 28:29 NASB20] 29 This also comes from the LORD of armies, [Who] has made[H6381] [His] counsel wonderful[H6381] and [His] wisdom great.

[Isa 29:14 NASB20] 14 Therefore behold, I will once again deal[H6381] marvelously[H6381] with this people, wondrously marvelous[H6381]; And the wisdom of their wise men will perish, And the understanding of their men who have understanding will be concealed.“

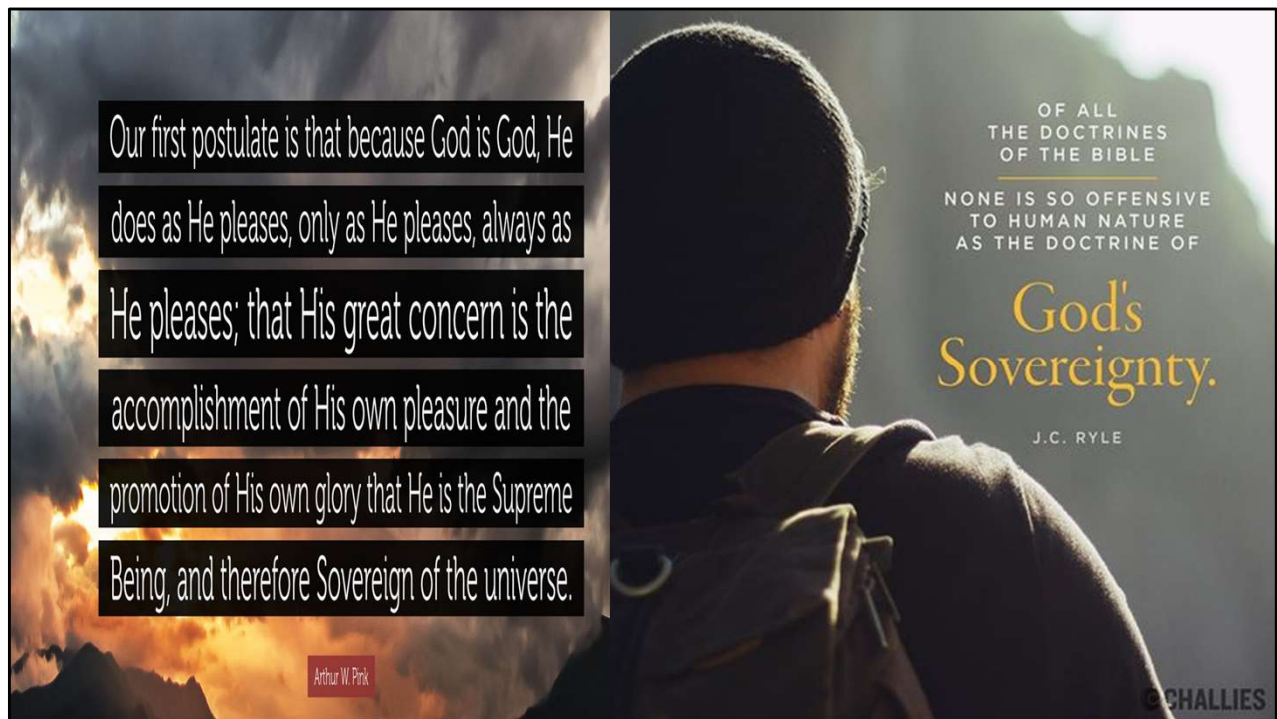
[Isa 7:14 NASB20] 14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will name Him Immanuel.
[Mat 1:23 NASB20] 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US.“

[Jdg 13:15-18, 21-24 NASB20] 15 Then **Manoah** said to the angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain you so that we may prepare a young goat for you." 16 But the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain me, I will not eat your food, but if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to the LORD." For **Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.** 17 And **Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that when your words are fulfilled, we may honor you?"** 18 **But the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, for it is wonderful?"** ... 21 Now the angel of the LORD did not appear to Manoah or his wife again. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD. 22 **So Manoah said to his wife, "We will certainly die, for we have seen God."** 23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these things, nor would He have let us hear [things] like this at this time." 24 So the woman gave birth to a son, and named him Samson; and the child grew up and the LORD blessed him.

Things too wonderful for me

... now my eye sees you!

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- Proverbs 30:2-4, 18
- Isaiah 9:6 - “Immanuel” is His name! Jesus!
- Isaiah 7:14, 8:8



Our first postulate is that because God is God,
He does as He pleases,
Only as He pleases,
Always as HE pleases,
That His great concern is the accomplishment of his own pleasure and the
promotion of his own glory that he is the Supreme being, and therefore the
Sovereign of the universe. AW Pink

Of all the doctrines of the Bible...None is so offensive to human nature as the
doctrine of Gods Sovereignty. JC Ryle

The only Sovereign, the King of kings

- John 20:28 - Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” ... said another doubter
- 1 Timothy 6:15-16 - which He will bring about at [the] proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him [be] honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

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a ruler or officer:—of great authority, mighty, potentate. Omnipotent

δυναστης

Transliteration *dynastēs* (Key) Pronunciation doo-nas'-tace **Dynasty**

[Deu 32:39 'See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; [It is] I [who] put to death and give life. I have wounded and [it is] I [who] heal, And there is no one who can save [anyone] from My hand.

[Pro 21:30 NASB20] 30 There is no wisdom, no understanding, And no plan against the LORD.

[Ecc 3:14 NASB20] 14 I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it. And God has [so] worked, that [people] will fear Him.

[Isa 14:27 NASB20] 27 "For the LORD of armies has planned, and who can frustrate

[it?] And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

[Isa 43:13 NASB20] 13 "Even from eternity I am He, And there is no one who can rescue from My hand; I act, and who can reverse it?"

[Isa 46:10 NASB20] 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My plan will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

[Jer 32:17 NASB20] 17 'Oh, Lord GOD! Behold, You Yourself have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,

[Dan 4:35 NASB20] 35 "All the inhabitants of the earth are of no account, But He does according to His will among the army of heaven And [among] the inhabitants of earth; And no one can fend off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'

[Mat 19:26 NASB20] 26 And looking at [them,] Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

[Mar 10:27 NASB20] 27 Looking at them, Jesus said, "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

[Mar 14:36 NASB20] 36 And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You [will.]"

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[Dan 4:34 NASB20] 34 "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom [endures] from generation to generation.

[Rev 19:16 NASB20] 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written:

"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

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[Dan 4:34 NASB20] 34 "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom [endures] from generation to generation.

[Rev 19:16 NASB20] 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

[Mat 27:11, 37 NASB20] 11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "[So] You are the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "[It is as] you say." ... 37 And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

[Jhn 18:33, 37 NASB20] 33 Therefore Pilate entered the Praetorium again, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "You are the King of the Jews?" ... 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say [correctly] that I am a king. For this [purpose] I have been born, and for this I have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice."

[Jhn 19:19 NASB20] 19 Now Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written: "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

[Act 17:7 NASB20] 7 and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."



If God is not sovereign, Then God is NOT God! RC Sproul

I can rest in the fact that God is in control.
Which means I can face things that are out of my control and NOT ACT out of control! Lysa TerKeurst

Sovereignty of God means what?

- Suffering asks about God's Will, Power and Motives
- Will God condemn sinners to an eternal lake of fire?
- Is God inscrutable? Is He perfectly wise and good?
- Is God right to violate the will of humans? Is that fair?
- When God's Will is not ours, how should we respond?
- Does God ever surrender His "will" to ours?
- Does God's honor require keeping His promises/will?

Can God condemn sinners to an eternal lake of fire? **Does He have the right, the power and the authority?**

Is God inscrutable? Is he so wise and good? **How dare you question God! Is God above us and Beyond questioning? Its absurd to even suggest it!**

Does God violate the will of humans? Is that fair? **Job didn't want this!!! Why do we expect God to stop evil men then?**

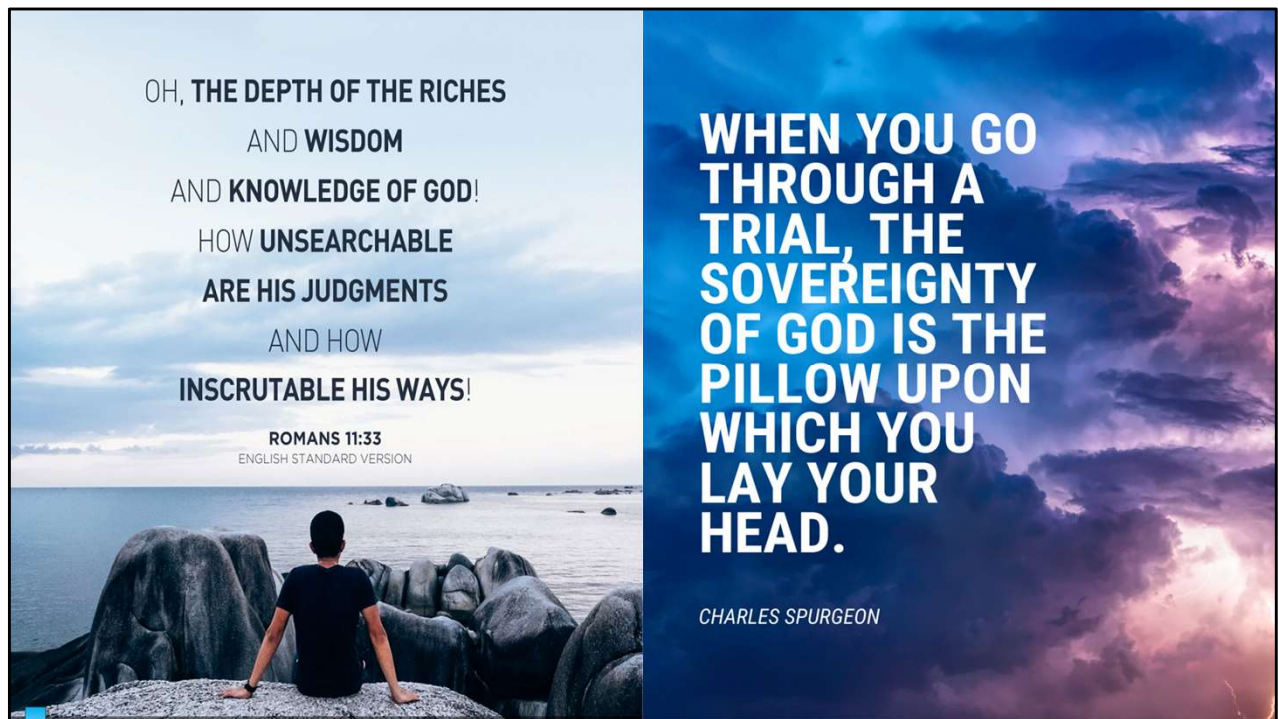
When God's will isn't ours, how should we respond? **Thy will be done on earth as it is ion heaven! Immediately, Joyfully, Completely**

Does God ever surrender His "will" to ours? **Adam sinned against Gods Will, BUT God overrode his will by sending His son and faith to Adam!**

Does Gods honor require keeping His promises/will? **Eventually Gods righteousness must reign! God will and will keep a people for Himself!**

[Rom 11:33 ESV] 33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

[Eze 20:3 NLT] 3 "Son of man, tell the leaders of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: How dare you come to ask me for a message? As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, I will tell you nothing!'



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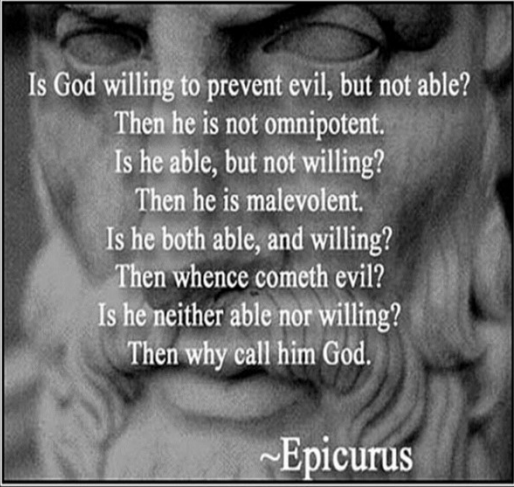
ROMANS 11:33
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When you go through a trial,
The sovereignty of god is the pillow upon which you lay your head! Charles Spurgeon



Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able?
 Then he is not omnipotent.
 Is he able, but not willing?
 Then he is malevolent.
 Is he both able, and willing?
 Then whence cometh evil?
 Is he neither able nor willing?
 Then why call him God.

~Epicurus

ATHEISTS

Winning since 33 A.D.

Atheist winning since AD33?

Is God willing to prevent evil?

- All men are evil!
- Soon, He will! - Revelation 21:4

Is God not able? Omnipotent!

- He is Able! Empty Tomb!

Is He both able and willing ... but doesn't? He is evil/malevolent?

- John 3:16 - So Loved!

Is He neither able nor willing?

- We are inable and unwilling

The Problem still exists!

“If God is all-good, and God is all-powerful, why does evil exist?”

Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then **he is not omnipotent.** Unable
 Is he able, but not willing? Then **he is malevolent.**

Uncaring

Is he both able and willing? Then **whence cometh evil?**

Unholy

Is he neither able nor willing? Then **why call him God?**

Unworthy

Gods Will

Gods ability/Power? Omnipotence? Sovereignty? Powerful enough? Is Gods Love **Potent** enough for you?

Gods heart/Intent? Malevolent/Evil

Gods worth/goodness? Why call him God?

Because HE is GOD! We come to Him on His terms, Not Him to us on ours!

[Kidney stone](#)

[Epicurus / Cause of death](#)

Epicurus died at the age of 71 from urinary calculus after having bravely suffered

for a long time. Although he is often cited for his teachings against the fear of pain and death, his own way to death has been overlooked.

[2Pe 3:9 NASB20] 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.

[Mat 5:45 NASB20] 45 so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on [the] evil and [the] good, and sends rain on [the] righteous and [the] unrighteous.

[Mat 7:11 NASB20] 11 "So if you, **[despite] being evil**, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

[Mat 12:35, 39 NASB20] 35 "The good person brings out of [his] good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of [his] evil treasure evil things. ... 39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves a sign; and [so] no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet;

[Mat 15:19 NASB20] 19 "For **out of the heart come evil** thoughts, murders, [acts of] adultery, [other] immoral sexual acts, thefts, false testimonies, [and] slanderous statements.

[Gen 3:5 NASB20] 5 "For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil."

[Psa 5:4 NASB20] 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil can dwell with You.

[Jer 13:23 NASB20] 23 "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, Or the leopard his spots? [Then] you as well can do good Who are accustomed to doing evil.

[Hab 1:13 [Your] eyes are too pure to look at evil, And You cannot look at harm [favorably.] Why do You look [favorably] At those who deal treacherously? [Why] are You silent when the wicked swallow up Those more righteous than they?

[Rom 8:7 ESV] 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

[Luk 13:34 ESV] 34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and **you were not willing!**

[Pro 1:27-29 ESV] 27 when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. 28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. 29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

God's Will is Supreme

- God's **Permissive Will**. Satan asked permission! God permits suffering, evil and sin ... for only so **long!**
- God's **Prescriptive Will**, perfect will. Moral will.
- God's **Patient Will**, All His Will, **WILL** be done!
- God's **Decrees!** His ultimate plan cannot be thwarted!
- He is the Author and Finisher of our faith! **We ARE Saved!** Secure! We have His word on it! - Ephesians 1
- Are you bowing to His Will? Or demanding yours?

God is suffering too! In a sense. He is suffering our insolence, impertinence, impudence, insubordination and rejection!

Gods Permissive Will. Satan asked permission! God permits suffering, evil and sin...for only so long! Gods longsuffering is meant to bring us to repentance!
[Rom 2:4 NASB20] 4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and restraint and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

2 Pet.3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, **but is longsuffering toward us**, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Gods Patient Will - modifier, descriptor

Gods Prevailing Will - Gods Decrees

Aren't you thankful the Lord often does NOT deal with us according to our folly?!

[Job 42:8 NASB20] 8 "Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves, and **My servant Job will pray for you. For I will accept him so as not to do with you [as your] foolishness [deserves,] because you have not spoken of Me what is trustworthy, as My servant Job [has.]"**

42:7 "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is trustworthy, as My servant Job has.

42:8 because you have not spoken of Me what is trustworthy, as My servant Job has."

42:9 and the LORD accepted Job.

Gods purpose was fulfilled in Job! HE tested Him and purified him.

[Psa 138:8 NASB20] 8 **The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Your faithfulness, LORD, is everlasting; Do not abandon the works of Your hands.**

[Isa 9:7 NASB20] 7 There will be no end to the increase of [His] government or of peace On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of armies will accomplish this.

[Isa 46:10 NASB20] 10 **Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My plan will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';**

[Jhn 4:34 NASB20] 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.

[Jhn 5:36 NASB20] 36 "But the testimony I have is greater than [the testimony of] John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish--the very works that I do--testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

[Eph 1:4-6, 9, 11 NASB20] 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons [and daughters] through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He favored us in the Beloved. ... 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him, ... 11 In Him we also have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things in accordance with the plan of His will,

[Mat 25:34 NASB20] 34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

[Heb 4:3 NASB20] 3 For we who have believed enter [that] rest, just as He has said, "AS I SWORE IN MY ANGER, THEY CERTAINLY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

[Rev 17:8 NASB20] 8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who live on the earth, whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was, and is not, and will come.

[Rev 13:8 NASB20] 8 All who live on the earth will worship him, [everyone] whose name has not been written since the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slaughtered.

[Rev 20:15 NASB20] 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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[Deu 7:6-7 NASB20] 6 "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His personal possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 "The LORD did not make you His beloved nor choose you because you were greater in number than any of the peoples, since you were the fewest of all peoples,

[Psa 135:4 NASB20] 4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel as His own possession.

[Isa 41:8 NASB20] 8 "But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, Descendant of Abraham My friend,

[2Ti 1:9 NASB20] 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was granted to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

“All the inhabitants of the earth are on no account, but He does according to His will among the army of heaven and [among] the inhabitants of earth; and no one can fend off His hand or say to Him, What have You done?”

- Daniel 4:35 -



THE BIBLE PRESENTS TO US A GOD WHO IS SO **SOVEREIGN** THAT HE IS ABSOLUTELY UNFETTERED AND **UNCONSTRAINED** BY HIS CREATION AND CREATURES.

“Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.” (Psa. 115:3; cf. Psa. 135:6) So much so that even the one of the most powerful pagan monarchs of ancient times, the king of Babylon, after the Lord had humbled him and made him to eat grass like a beast of the field because of the king’s pride...

[Dan 4:30-32 "The king began speaking and was saying, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty?' 31 "[While] the word [was] still in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven, [saying,] 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you, 32 and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place [will be] with the animals of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.'

[Dan 4:34-37 NASB20] 34 "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom [endures] from generation to generation. 35 "All the inhabitants of the earth are of no account, But He does according to His will among the army of heaven And [among] the inhabitants of earth; And no one can fend off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?' 36 "At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the honor of my kingdom, and my state counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in

my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me. 37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just; and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

[Dan 5:21-30 NASB20] 21 "He was also driven away from mankind, and his heart was made like [that of] animals, and his dwelling place [was] with the wild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he recognized that the Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind, and [that] He sets over it whomever He wishes. 22 "Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this, 23 but you have risen up against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives, and your concubines have been drinking wine out of them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, nor understand. But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and all your ways, you have not glorified. 24 "Then the hand was sent from Him and this inscription was written out. 25 "Now this is the inscription that was written: 'MENĒ, MENĒ, TEKĒL, UPHARSIN.' 26 "This is the interpretation of the message: 'MENĒ'--God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it. 27 "'TEKĒL'--you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient. 28 "'PERĒS'--your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians." 29 Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and [put] a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he [now] had authority as the third [ruler] in the kingdom. 30 That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed.

The Two Wills of God	
Deuteronomy 29:29 - "The <u>secret</u> things belong to the LORD our God, but the things <u>revealed</u> belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law. NASB	
SOVEREIGN WILL	MORAL WILL
<i>Also called.....</i> SECRET WILL WILL OF DECREE	<i>Also called.....</i> REVEALED WILL COMMANDED WILL WILL OF PRECEPT
God's <u>Sovereign will</u> includes God's hidden decrees by which He governs everything that happens. We find out God's <u>Sovereign will</u> when events actually happen.	God's <u>moral will</u> expresses God's general desire concerning things and usually contains God's commands about our moral conduct.
Ephesians 1:11 James 4:15 Genesis 50:20 Matthew 11:25-26 1 Corinthians 4:19 Acts 2:23, 4:28, 21:14 Romans 1:10, 9:18, 15:32 1 Peter 3:17, 4:19	Exodus 20:1-17 Ephesians 5:17 Romans 2:18 1 John 5:14 Matthew 6:10, 7:21, 12:50, 18:14 1 Timothy 2:4 2 Peter 3:9 Ezekiel 33:11

Scripture uses three descriptive words—*perfect, permissive, and prevailing*—to paint a three-dimensional picture of the "will of God."

3. God's Prevailing Will

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails." (Proverbs 19:21)

- God's plans cannot be thwarted.
- God's ultimate purposes are achieved because He is sovereign.

Example: God's *prevailing will* cannot be reversed as in the case of Balak & Balaam (*Numbers 23:19-20*).

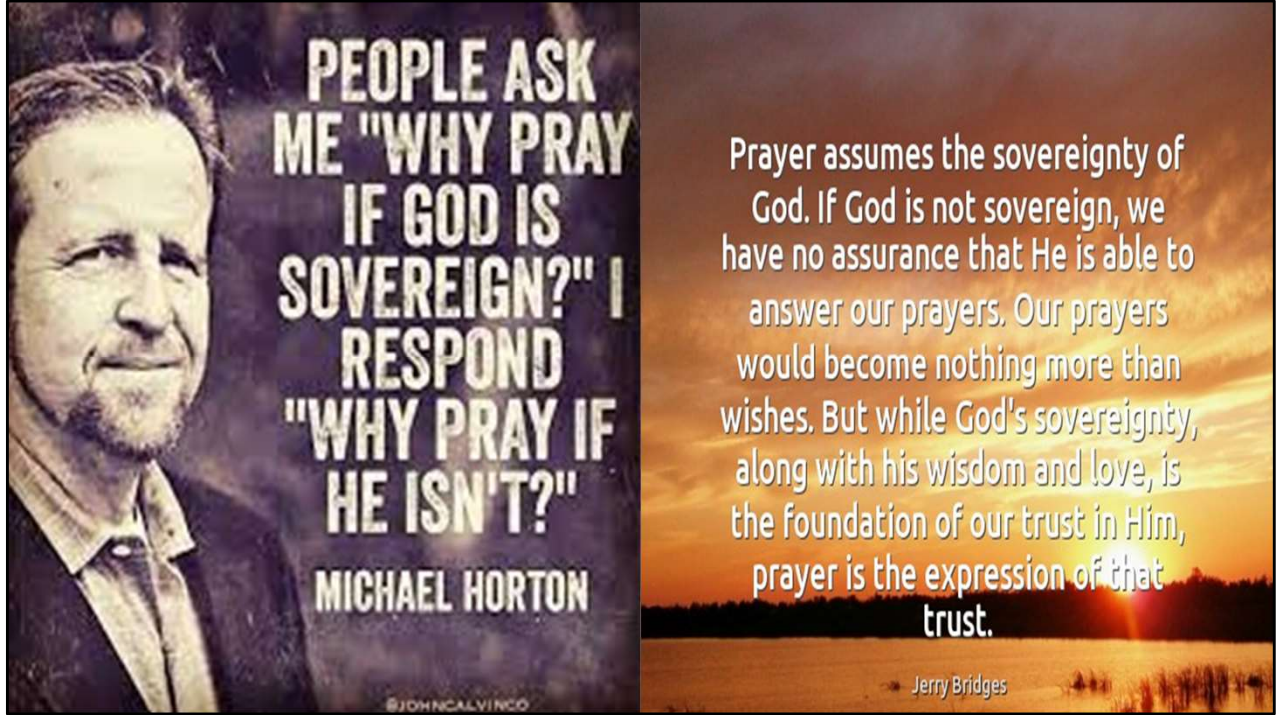
"I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted." (Job 42:2)

[Job 42:2 NASB20] 2 "I know that You can [do] all things, And that no plan is impossible for You."

God is saying: Job, everything is going to be fine, better than fine!

2 wills

3 words for his will?



Prayer assumes the sovereignty of god.

If god is not Sovereign we have NO assurance that he is able to answer our prayers.


Our prayers would become nothing more than 'weak' wishes.

But while Gods sovereignty, along with His wisdom and love, is the foundation of our trustin Him, prayer is the expression of that trust



A.W. Pink

“ God cannot change for the better, for He is already perfect; and being perfect, He cannot change for the worse. Altogether unaffected by anything outside Himself, improvement or deterioration is impossible. He is perpetually the same ”

A photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a grey t-shirt, holding a baby in her arms. The woman is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The baby is wearing a white onesie with a star pattern. The background is softly blurred.

**FOR HE CHOSE US IN
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HIS SIGHT.**

EPHESIANS 1:4

[Eph 1:4 NASB20] 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

Thy Will be done!

- Luke 22:42 saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”
- I Timothy 2:3-4 - This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- Romans 12:2 - And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

[Mat 6:10 NASB20] 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

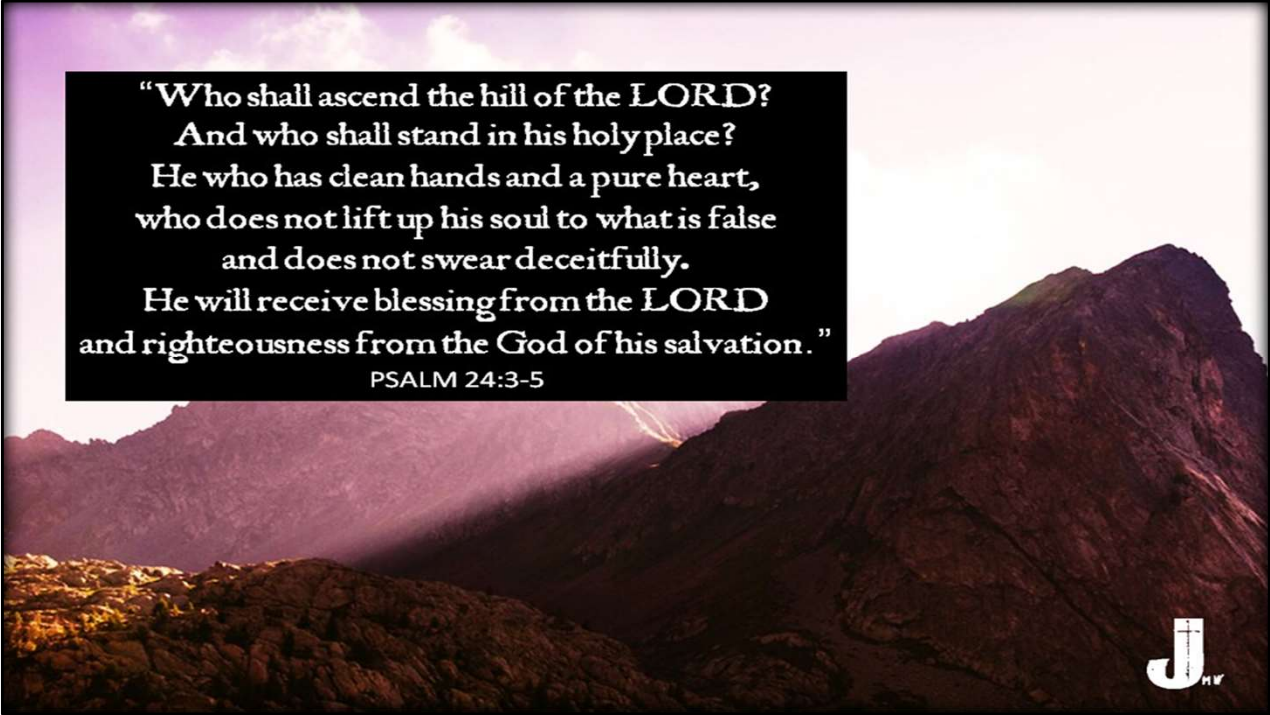
[Phl 2:13 NASB20] 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for [His] good pleasure.

[Rom 12:1-2 NASB20] 1 Therefore I urge you, brothers [and sisters,] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

[Isa 45:23 NASB20] 23 "I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That **to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear [allegiance.]**

[Rom 14:11 NASB20] 11 For it is written: "**AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, TO ME EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, AND EVERY TONGUE WILL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD.**"

[Phl 2:10 NASB20] 10 so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,



**“Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”**

PSALM 24:3-5





FOR "THE EARTH IS
THE LORD'S, AND
EVERYTHING IN IT."

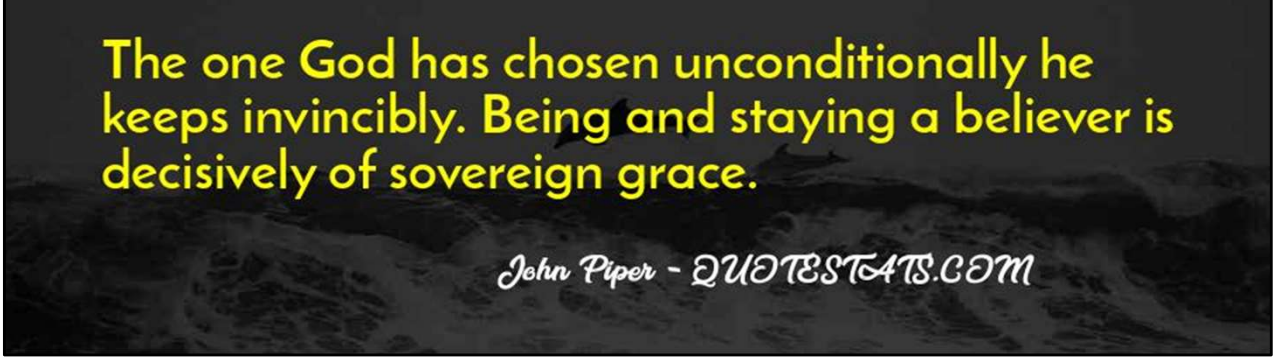
1 CORINTHIANS 10:26

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If there is one maverick molecule in all the universe, then God is not sovereign. And if God is not sovereign, He is not God.

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The one God has chosen unconditionally he keeps invincibly. Being and staying a believer is decisively of sovereign grace.

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JOB'S DEBATE WITH THE FRIENDS

1 IS GOD JUST?
2 DOES GOD RUN THE UNIVERSE ON THE STRICT PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE?
3 HOW IS JOB'S SUFFERING TO BE EXPLAINED?

FOCUS/DEBATE
 CYCLE 1 CHAP. 13-14
 CYCLE 2 CHAP. 15-21
 CYCLE 3 CHAP. 22-28

BIG ASSUMPTION
 DIVINE ACTION: SUCCESS & REWARD
 EVIL & SUFFERING: FAILURE & PUNISHMENT

JOB

AN INVITATION TO TRUST GOD'S WISDOM

UNIQUE BOOK IN THE Bible

- SET IN "UZ" FAR AWAY FROM ISRAEL
- ALL CHARACTERS ARE NON-ISRAELITES
- THERE IS NO CLEAR HISTORICAL SETTING

INTENTIONAL!
 THE AUTHOR WANTS US TO FOCUS ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY JOB'S SUFFERING

1-2 PROLOGUE

• ORPHANED & DEGRADED
 • HUMBLES GOD
 • GOD CHALLENGED IN SPIRITUAL REALITY (JOB)

WHY? BUT:
 THE REAL QUESTION: IS GOD JUST? DOES HE LIVE IN AN AMAZING WORLD?

3-37 JOB & THE FRIENDS

3-26 JOB IS RIGHT

ARGUMENT	IMPLICATION	CONCLUSION
IN INNOCENT	MY SUFFERING IS NOT DIVINE JUSTICE	GOD DOESN'T RUN THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE CONCLUSION A: GOD IS UNJUST
GOD IS JUST	GOD RUNS THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JUSTICE	JOB "MUST HAVE" SINNED CONCLUSION B: GOD IS UNJUST

37-37 JOB'S LAST STATEMENT
 • ASSERTS INNOCENCE
 • DEMANDS EXPLANATION FROM GOD

38-41 GOD'S RESPONSE

• A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE
 • GOD ASKED: CAN YOU LEAD THE LION? CAN YOU LEAD THE HORNS OXEN? CAN YOU PLUCK THE EYEBALLS OF AN OSTRICH?
 • IT'S COMPLEX. AMN IT?
 • BEHEMOTH & LEVIATHAN: SYMBOLS OF DISORDER & DANGER
 • GOD ORDERED REALITY, NOT FLEETING
 • WE LIVE IN AN AMAZING WORLD THAT IS NOT DESIGNED TO PREVENT SUFFERING

42 EPILOGUE

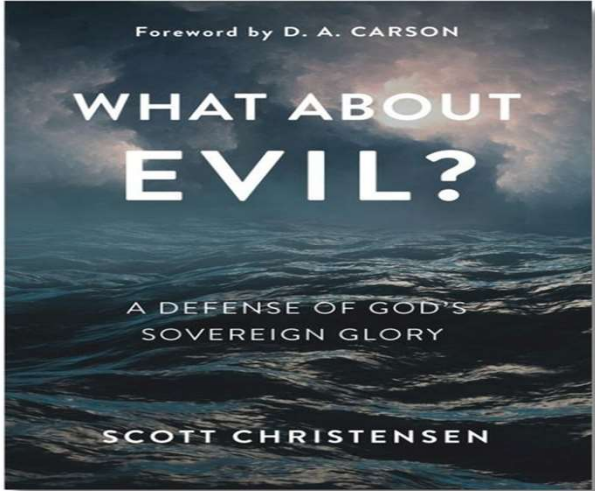
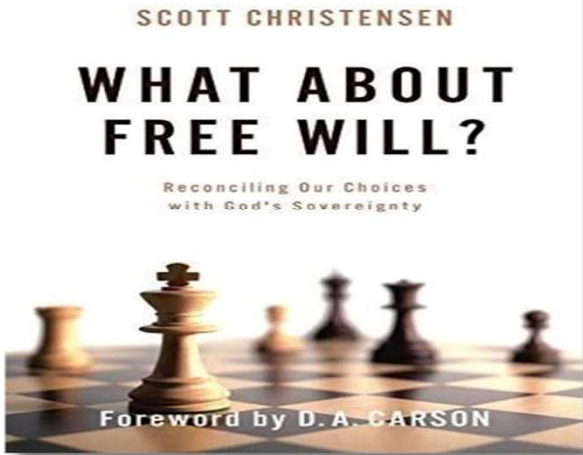
• GOD HONORS JOB
 • JOB'S STRAGGLE
 • JOB'S WISDOM
 • JOB'S PRAYER

• JOB'S FAMILY & FORTUNES RESTORED

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**“I’M CONVINCED: YOU
CAN DO ANYTHING
AND EVERYTHING.
NOTHING AND NO ONE
CAN UPSET YOUR
PLANS.**

JOB 42:2 (MESSAGE BIBLE)



GOD'S **SOVEREIGN** WILL
God controls all that happens,
but God lets man decide some of those things

"Good" things

- **PREFERENTIAL WILL OF GOD:**
God's desire – All God wants
All to be saved – 2 Peter 3:9
- **PRESCRIPTIVE WILL OF GOD:**
God's standards – All God asks
Sexual purity – 1 Thess. 4:3

"Bad" things

- **PERMISSIVE WILL OF GOD:** Sin and effects
– Any evil God allows
yet uses for His glory
Joseph a slave – Gen. 50
Israel's king – 1 Sam. 8

Psalm 24:3-4



Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?

Who may stand in his holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.