

Effective Prayer Part 2
Understanding the Sovereignty of God
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I.Understanding the Sovereignty of God

1.(Luke 11:1) "*Lord, teach us to pray...*"

- a.We must be taught to pray properly and effectively.
- b.Prayer is relational communication and fellowship with God based on His Word. Prayer invites heavens into earthly matters, brings eternity into time, and brings the eternal into the physical.
- c.The 1st and primary purpose of prayer is to establish and maintain a personal intimate relationship with the Lord.

2. The Sovereignty of God may be the greatest misunderstanding that causes misguided, inoperative or ineffective prayers.

- a.Sovereign – all powerful, supreme ruler or monarch.
- b.Some think, "*If God allowed it to happen, it must be His will.*" Some tag "*If it be your will*" on all their prayers.
 - ~(Jas. 4:7) Some things are of God, we must submit to them, and other things are of the devil, we must resist them.
 - ~(John 10:10 AMP; Jas. 1:17) God is good and the devil is bad.
- c. God is owner, we are stewards/rulers, and we should operate in partnership with God.
 - ~(Gen. 1:1, 26-28) God is owner, but man is the manager/steward/ruler.
 - (Matt. 6:9-10) Jesus teaching prayer.
 - ~(Ps. 24:1-2; 89:11-14; 115:16) God has ownership; we've been given stewardship and ruler ship; so we work with God in partnership.

~(Ps. 8:1-9) When God gave man dominion He limited His own over the earth.

~(Ps. 82:6-7; John 10:31-36) You are gods!

-(1 Cor. 6:19-20) even our bodies belong to God

-This is what tithing and giving is all about!

d. So did God allow Adam to eat of the fruit or did Adam allow Adam to eat?

~(Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-6) It was not God's will that Adam and Eve ate of the fruit but they did, because they didn't submit to God and resist the devil.

~(2 Pet. 3:9) God's WILL is that no one perish.

~(Ps. 89:34-35) God's Word is covenant and He works with man in coordination with His covenant.

~(Tit. 1:2) God cannot lie!

e. (Mark 11:22-24) There are some things we need to say to the mountains and other things we need to pray to God.

~(Matt. 16:19 AMP) binding and loosening in agreement with heaven.

~(Jas. 4:2-3) have not because you don't ask

~(1 John 5:14-15) ask according to God's will.

~(Jas. 1:5-8) If I don't know what the will of God is ask for wisdom and receive wisdom by faith.