

God Is What?! (His Attributes)

He Is Sovereign

In your life when asked, God is, and you fill in the blank – my premise is this:

 What you put in that blank will determine <u>how</u> you will live your life on this earth.

This week: God is **sovereign**

What does that mean?

A. First, God has supreme authority

Isaiah 45:5-6

Isaiah 45:12

Isaiah 45:18

Isaiah 45:22

Isaiah 46:9-10

- Every time He declares I am God and there is <u>no other</u>, He is declaring His <u>sovereignty</u>.
 - He is declaring: I am the <u>supreme authority</u> of the universe.
 - I created it; My own hands formed it; I am <u>God</u>.

The word, sovereign – comes from the Latin word, "superness" \rightarrow means – super or supreme.

Here is the difference between supreme and sovereign:

- Supreme means: one who possesses the <u>highest</u> authority
- Sovereign means: one who possesses the <u>highest</u> authority and answers to <u>no one</u>.
- 3. God answers to no one.
- 4. God only answers to Himself and does not derive His right to rule by **anyone** or **anything**.
 - * If all creation would rebel against God, it would not affect His authority one bit.

We will make a statement now regarding His sovereignty:

- What God decrees is final.
- What God **promises** is final.
- What God says in <u>scripture</u> is the absolute final edict.
- God does what is <u>right</u>, what is <u>best</u>, and what is highest always and asks no one what they think.

Mankind needs an **outside** governing body.

God does not because **God** governs **Himself**.

- Some rulers in our world think they have sovereign power – they <u>do not</u>.
 - Every man can be overthrown.
 - Every government can be <u>dethroned</u>.
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- God is the only one that is <u>sovereign</u> who has <u>absolute</u> supreme authority and answers to <u>no one</u>.
 - God is completely, totally <u>self-sufficient</u> and is perfectly <u>independent</u>.
 - God does what He pleases, <u>only</u> as He pleases and <u>always</u> as He pleases.
 - * If we didn't know God was good, kind, benevolent, patient, just, and truth, then we might be worried He had no one to check on Him

What am I saying?

7. God cannot do anything wrong because He is **perfect** – completely **sovereign**.

No one and no thing can hinder Him, compel Him or stop Him accept: God in His sovereignty, has ordained, one thing moves Him – "the **cries** of His creation."

- 8. <u>Prayer</u> crying out to God, repenting, coming to God, asking Him <u>moves</u> the hand of God.
 - * We have the highest **privilege** and that is prayer and we don't use it many times.
 - God says if you ask Me anything in Jesus' name, according to My will, I'll do it. I'm waiting for you to <u>ask</u>.

I am absolutely a believer in what scripture says to pray for our **government** and those in **authority**. That is not my peace.

 My peace comes from that above, our government is the <u>absolute</u> sovereign God and <u>Ruler</u> of the universe and beyond. Here is the second thing regarding God's sovereignty:

- B. God has supreme authority to **fulfill** His plan.
 - God has an overall plan guiding it throughout all history despite what <u>mankind</u> does and the <u>choices</u> they make.
 - Despite the free will of man, God is still <u>completely</u> in control.
 - Even when mankind makes the wrong choices,
 God can turn around what was meant for evil and turn it to good.

Daniel 4 - background

- God told Israel to let the land rest every <u>seven</u> years.
- Israel went 490 years not letting the land rest.
- For a total of <u>70</u> times when the land was to rest they didn't do it.

God raised up a king named Nebuchadnezzar and God made him so powerful that he would take Israel **captive** out of their land.

Captivity – $\underline{70}$ years (to let the land \underline{rest})

There is a scripture that says:

2 Chronicles 36:21

In the midst of the 70 years for 7 years, something happened to Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 4:29-32

Daniel 4:33-34

Daniel 4:35-37 – sovereignty of God

* God raises him up in His **overall plan**.

God restores him but even for those seven years, no one still tried to take the land.

- Nebuchadnezzar's son began to say the same thing how <u>great</u> he is as king.
- Remember a <u>hand</u> appears and begins to write on the wall.
- They bring Daniel in and he explains you got prideful like your dad and didn't humble yourself; God will take the kingdom from you – that hour he <u>died</u>.
- God raises up another king, **Cyrus** of Mede takes over Babylon.
- He takes it over exactly <u>70</u> years since Israel was in captivity.
- He finds out about Daniel and asks Daniel to teach him of Daniel's **God**.
- Daniel pulls the scripture out and reads Isaiah 44 and <u>140</u> years before this is read by Daniel, Isaiah wrote the verse.

Isaiah 44:28

- Cyrus was so excited he was chosen to do God's bidding.
- * So Cyrus sends them home with all the gold and silver, and they **rebuild**.
 - God has **supreme authority** to fulfill His plan.

God has a **plan** for you so you're just not floating in life, it is **secure**.

Proverbs 21:1

- ** Superman had <u>kryptonite</u>
 Samson feared the <u>razor</u>
 God fears **no one** and **no thing**
 - God has no **kryptonite**

God's plans will prevail:

Psalm 2:1-4

 People plot to destroy you, destroy the Church but break the cords and watch the Lord laugh.

Here is the third thing:

C. God has a supreme plan for my life.

Church – make this supreme plan **personal**.

Terrorism, a virus has **no authority** over God's plan for you / your God is sovereign.

Jeremiah 29:11

This verse follows verse 10

Jeremiah 29:10

10. In God's overall plan, it is personal to Him regarding you because a sovereign, supreme God is intimate giving you His <u>covering</u> and <u>plan</u> for you.

Verse 10 – <u>overall</u> plan Verse 11 – <u>personal</u> plan

- He has the exact plan where you are to <u>live</u>.
- He has the exact **job** for you.
- He has the exact **Church** for you to go to.
- He has that **mission trip** you are to take.

God has a <u>purpose</u> and a <u>plan</u> and a future filled with <u>hope</u> for you.

* When you walk in God's plan with your family, Exodus 34:23-24 says God will <u>protect</u> the plan.

Romans 8:28

God is <u>sovereignty</u>. His plans for you are <u>personal</u> to Him and no one can <u>overcome</u> Him.