

The Sovereignty of God

*“for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;
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?’”*

Daniel 4:34b-35 (ESV)

*“The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the LORD.”*

Proverbs 16:33 (ESV)

“In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:11-12 (ESV)

*“remember the former things of old;
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,’”*

Isaiah 46:9-10 (ESV)

*Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.*

Psalms 135:6 (ESV)

Discussion Questions:

1. What is sovereignty?
2. How does sovereignty relate to God as King?
3. How is God’s kingly rule different than that of earthly kings?
4. In his sermon on Matthew 20:15, Spurgeon says that there is “no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God’s sovereignty.” In what ways can we find comfort in God’s sovereignty?
5. Are there areas of your life that you have not surrendered to God? Reflect on those areas now and take a moment to pray that you would live with open hands, not trying to control those aspects of your life yourself but acknowledging God’s control in all areas of life and trusting His sovereign rule.

Meditate & Pray: The Bible is chalked full of God’s sovereignty. What are some other scriptures that speak of the sovereignty of God? Spend some time meditating on God’s sovereignty as it is revealed in Scripture, and then let this prayer guide you in response to this precious attribute of God.

Close your time of family worship in a time of prayer using the following prayer from *The Valley of Vision*:

God's Good Pleasure

Sovereign LORD, Thy will is supreme in heaven and earth, and all beings are creatures of thy power. Thou art the Father of our spirits; thy inspiration gives us understanding, thy providence governs our lives. But, O God, we are sinners in thy sight; thou hast judged us so, and if we deny it we make thee a liar. Yet in Christ thou art reconciled to thy rebellious subjects; give us the ear of faith to hear him, the eye of faith to see him, the hand of faith to receive him, the appetite of faith to feed upon him; that we might find in him light, riches, honor, eternal life. Thou art the inviting One, may we hearken to thee; the Almighty Instructor, teach us to live to thee; the Light-Dweller, inaccessible to man and angels, hiding thyself behind the elements of creation, but known to us in Jesus, Possess our minds with the grandeur of thy perfections. Thy love to us in Jesus is firm and changeless, nothing can separate us from it, and in the enjoyment of it nothing can make us miserable. Preserve us from hypocrisy and formality in religion; Enable us to remember what thou art and what we are, to recall thy holiness and our unworthiness; Help us to approach thee clothed with humility, for vanity, forwardness, insensibility, disorderly affection, backwardness to duty, proneness to evil are in our hearts. Let us never forget thy patience, wisdom, power, faithfulness, care, and never cease to respond to thy invitations.