

Day 6 - The Supremacy of God

The supremacy of God is an attribute we don't often talk about, but it is closely related to God's sovereignty. In fact, we could say that God is sovereign because he is supreme. God, being the creator and supreme ruler over all things, is therefore sovereign over them. Speaking of the absolute supremacy of God and the implications of this truth, A.W. Pink rightly claims, "A 'god' whose will is resisted, whose designs are frustrated, whose purpose is checkmated, possesses no title to Deity, and so far from being a fit object of worship, merits naught but contempt."

Read and reflect on these scriptures together, looking for phrases that speak of the supremacy of God.

I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:13–16 (ESV)

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

Deuteronomy 10:17 (ESV)

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

1 Chronicles 29:11–12 (ESV)

*Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.*

Psalms 115:3 (ESV)

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Colossians 1:16–18 (ESV)

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that God is supreme?
2. How does God as creator of all relate to his supremacy? (*Neh 6:9; Rom 9:21; Because God created all things, he owns all things and is over all things.*)
3. What are some ways that God has shown that all of creation does his bidding? (*i.e. Exod 14 - the Red Sea splits; Num 16 - the earth opens; Josh 10 - the sun stops; 1 Kgs 17 - the ravens feed Elijah; Matt 8 - the sea calms*)
4. If God is supreme over all of creation, then how should we respond, understanding that we are a part of his creation?
 - a. How should a believer respond? What comfort do we find in the attribute of God's supremacy?
 - b. What does this mean for an unbeliever? Is God not supreme over those who reject him? (*His supremacy is absolute and universal, whether or not acknowledged; Eph 1:11b; Rom 11:36; Rom 9:19-24*)
 - c. What, then, should we do? (*Plead with unbelievers to repent and believe; Rom 10:17; 2 Cor 5:20*)

Read Revelation 19:11-16 and then meditate on the supremacy of God displayed in Christ's return.

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

God the All

There is no comfort in anything apart from enjoying thee and being engaged in thy service; Thou art All in all, and all enjoyments are what to me thou makest them, and no more. I am well pleased with thy will, whatever it is, or should be in all respects, And if thou bidst me decide for myself in any affair; I would choose to refer all to thee, for thou art infinitely wise and cannot do amiss as I am in danger of doing. I rejoice to think that all things are at thy disposal, and it delights me to leave them there. Then prayer turns wholly into praise, and all I can do is to adore and bless thee. What shall I give thee for all thy benefits? I am in a strait betwixt two, knowing not what to do. I long to make some return, but have nothing to offer, and can only rejoice that thou dost all, that none in heaven or on earth shares thy honour; I can of myself do nothing to glorify thy blessed name, but I can through grace cheerfully surrender soul and body to thee. I know that thou art the author and finisher of faith, that the whole work of redemption is thine alone, that every good work or thought found in me is the effect of thy power and grace, that thy sole motive in working in me to will and to do is for thy good pleasure. O God, it is amazing that men can talk so much about man's creaturely power and goodness, when, if thou didst not hold us back every moment, we should be devils incarnate. This, by bitter experience, thou has taught me concerning myself.