

The Sovereignty of God

Mt.20:1-15

- ☐ **Human reason agrees: each has a right to use his possessions in the way he wants**
 - ☐ **God created universe / people**
 - ☐ **They deny, ignore, disobey Him**
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Sovereignty Of God

- 1. State of being sovereign:
above or superior to all others,
chief; greatest**
 - 2. Supreme in power, rank, or
authority**
 - 3. Ruler, reigning**
 - 4. Independent of all others**
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False view of sovereignty

“God from all eternity did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established” — *Westminster Confession of Faith, 3.1*

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"Whatever comes to pass..."

Except sin?

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Except freewill?

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Impossible for man to sin!

If man is accountable for evil deeds, why not credited for good deeds?

True view of sovereignty

Man has free will (Josh. 24:15)

God has right to rule / to punish

- **Creator**
 - **Power**
 - **Sacrifice (Jn.3:16)**
 - **Purpose (1 Tim.2:4)**
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I. Scriptures on God's Sovereignty

Sovereign terms

Gn.14:18-20, 22

Most High (4x)

1 Chr.29:11-12

Heaven & earth

Ps.103:19

Throne

1 Tim.6:15

Incomparable

The Lord Almighty – 2 Co.6:18

“The One who has all power”

Lord of Sabaoth – Ja.5:4

“Heavenly hosts...”

I. Scriptures on God's Sovereignty

II. Scope of God's Sovereignty

God Is Sovereign Over:

1. **Man,** Gn.2:7-9 (3:17-19, 24)

2. **Sin,** Gn.45:5-8 (Ac.2:23)

3. **Satan,** Job 1-2 (Mt.25:41)

4. **Nations,** Dn.4:17, 34-35

I. Scriptures on God's Sovereignty

II. Scope of God's Sovereignty

III. Significance of God's Sovereignty

1. His sovereignty sustains us

Not Deism

- **God created universe, imposed laws**
 - **Forced creatures to work out their destiny by own powers**
 - **No special revelation, miracles, or providence: absentee God. 1 Pt.5:7**
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Not Deism

Not Fatalism

- **Goddess of fate (lit. part or portion; one's portion in life, destiny)**
 - **Later three fates**
 - **Appeared three nights after child's birth to determine course of its life**
 - **Fates determined all events; nothing man can do (*que sera sera*)**
Jonah. Ac.28:4
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Not Deism
Not Fatalism

Providence

► **Ps.121:1-4**, protection for the way

► **Nu.11:18-23**, God's hand

Et tu, Moses?

Focus on sums, not sovereignty

Moses forgot birds

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Giver: God

Store: Riches

Channel: Jesus

Supply: unlted.

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 - ▶ **Ep.3:20**, able to do more . . .
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2. His sovereignty subdues enemies

■ **1 Co.15:25 . . . 1 Sm.17**

□ **Josh.5**

□ **Ps.2:1-4**

Ac.5, let
apostles go

Ph.1,4, left
apostle in

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3. His sovereignty subjects all

□ **"God" – Ac.5:29**

□ **"Lord" – 1 Co.10:22 (Rv.1)**

→ **Salvation:** Mt.16:22; Lk.7

→ **Life:** Ro.12:1

→ **Worship:** Col.2:8, 23

Denominations compete, not
for sound preaching, but
for better gimmicks