

The Sovereignty of God (II)

God is Sovereign

Most do not care

- ☐ **God's sovereignty is spare tire**
- ☐ **Call AAA for emergency**
- ☐ **"Open happiness" – Coca Cola**
 - **Free?**
 - **For compliment?**
 - **Discount?**

**God wants me
to be happy!**

I. Scriptures on God's Sovereignty

II. Scope of God's Sovereignty

III. Significance of God's Sovereignty

**IV. None So Blind As
Those Who Will Not See**

Mt.13:13

They closed their own eyes

- Jn.12:40, **He** blinded their eyes
 - Mt.13:14-15, **they** resisted Word
 - Illustrated in Ac.7
 - Blindness lives in people who resist His word
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John 2:...5 – “answered”

- 1. Mary said it, not Jesus**
- 2. No threat against not listening**
- 3. We can't do all He says. 11:7**
- 4. Best scholars: Jesus is good man**
- 5. Language is difficult: directions to servants at a wedding**
- 6. It's better if we hear Jesus, but not necessarily lost if we don't**

John 2:...5 – “analyzed”

- 1. Not Mary alone, Jn.12:48**
 - 2. Jesus: judges, Mt.11:22; 25:12, 40**
 - 3. Red herring: “build ark”; elders...**
 - 4. Jesus Seminar votes. Jn.7:45-49**
 - 5. Our wedding plans, 2 Co.11:3;
1 Jn.4:6.**
 - 6. Issue: faith.**
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**“Do at once! do w/o question!
However strange the act may seem to
you, foolish even to your wise eyes,
useless, trivial, whatever it proves
to be – do it!” –Lenski, Jn.2:5**

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**“doctrine of Christ”
– 2 Jn.9**

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They were content to abide in the teaching . . . – NKJV

“It’s not enough to...

- 1. Believe whatever we please. Hb.1**
- 2. Merely know truth.**
- 3. Obey truth for a time.**

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¹⁰...sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea... ¹¹These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. ¹²Therefore many of them believed... –Ac.17:10-12

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- 1. Truth excludes all errors.**
- 2. Truth limits our beliefs.**
- 3. Everything beyond truth is error.**
- 4. It does matter (1 Tim.1:19-20).**

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**V. None So Lame As
Those Who Will Not Walk**

Lk.5 – Master of Sea Master of me??

- One standing over another**
 - Peter: every logical reason to ignore Him**
 - Carpenter → Fisherman**
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Peter had done all he could

Best place
(shallows)

Best time
(night)

Best effort
(all night)

- **Logic cannot explain Jesus or His ways (Mt.17:27)**
 - **Contrary to experience, Peter complies**
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"At Your word..."

On the basis of... "If You say so"

- 1. Peter understood**
- 2. Peter trusted**
- 3. Peter obeyed**

The issue: do I believe Jesus?

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“At Your word...I WILL”

Results of Peter's obedience

- 1. Broken nets, 6**
 - 2. Heavy load, 7**
 - 3. Overwhelming Sovereignty, 8**
 - 4. Realization of sins, 8**
 - 5. Total commitment, 10-11**
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**Why recorded?
To produce same faith in us**

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Lk.6:46 – “Lord” ‘My’ Lord?

Not enough to . . .

- 1. to call Him “Lord” –6:46**
- 2. do something –6:47-49**
- 3. know who He is –13:25**

Salvation is at stake

**Confession without
obedience is hypocrisy**

Lk.6:46 – “Lord” ‘My’ Lord?

If He is our Lord . . .

DO what He says. Lk.6:46

Do WHAT He says. Lk.7:8

Do what HE says. Lk.9:26

Do what He SAYS. Jn.14:15

We can know

He will judge