

Words That Matter!
Sovereignty – God is in Charge
Selected Scripture

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When the idea of the sovereignty of God is brought into most any discussion there are all kinds of pictures drawn in minds of the participants. There are also many questions. Why pain? Is He really in charge? Is He responsible for the problems? Why doesn't He do something about all the suffering? Having the questions is not the problem it's where you go to get the answers that's the issue.

Sovereignty is h a v i n g and e x e r c i s i n g supreme a u t h o r i t y and p o w e r. A Sovereign is one who p o s s e s s e s supreme authority and power and e x e r c i s e s that power and authority.

1. The World's e x a m p l e s of sovereignty are many times the t o o l s we use to d e f i n e sovereignty. This calls for us to follow the guidance of Paul. (Rom 12:1,2)
2. God declares His s o v e r e i g n t y and His u n i q u e n e s s as the Creator and O w n e r of the earth and all it possesses. (Psalm 24:1; Isa 43:3,10-13,15; 44:6-8,24; 45:5-6,12,14,18,21,22; 46:9-10)

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3. God's "Decree". His e t e r n a l s o v e r e i g n plan.
(Gen 3:15; 12:1-3; 2 Sam 7:11-16; Rev 22:12,13)

4. Our Sovereign God also c o n t r o l s the t i m i n g and the events to f u l f i l l His Decree.
(Psalm 22; Rom 5:6; Gal 4:4; 2 Peter 3:9-15)

c. He k n o w s His sheep and He h e a r s their voices and they hear his voice. The question is, "a r e w e l i s t e n i n g?" (10:14-18)

d. He is Almighty God. N o t h i n g can destroy us. We are in His grasp. (10:25-29)

How does this relate to me?

What can I take from knowing the Sovereignty of God, His power, wisdom, love, righteousness, justice, etc. How does that relate to my life today? (Isa 40:10,11; Rev 22:12-14)

1. As our strong shepherd and proprietor of the Universe, He is l a r g e and i n c h a r g e! (Psalm 24:1; Psalm 23)

2. As our Good Shepherd; (John 10)

a. He g u a r d s His sheep (10:1-10)

b. He d i e d for His sheep and r o s e v i c t o r i o u s.
(10:11-13; John 20)

3. He is the O v e r c o m e r and has called us as His sheep to live as V i c t o r s not V i c t i m s.
(John 16:33; Rom 8:31-39)

4. If God is for us who can be against us? Now the challenge, B E L I E V E H I M!