

***A New Year...A Steadfast Hope!***  
***Because God Rules – I Can Live Fearlessly***  
**Selected Scripture**

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**God's sovereignty** = His absolute authority and rule over His creation. (Ps 115:3; 47:7 Isa 46:10; 40:13-14; Dan 4:35; Eph 1:11)

- God rules over the universe (Job 38:28-35; Ps 8:3; 19:1-6; 147:4-5; Isa 45:12, 18; Heb 11:3)
- God rules over the spiritual – *immaterial* realm (Job 2:1-6; Isa 6:1-7; Ps 91:11-12; 103:20; Matt 8:28-32; Mk 1:24-25; Jude 1:6)
- God rules over nature - *material* realm (Gen 1:1-25; Ps 24:1; 135:6-9; Mark 4:38-41; 11:12-14, 20-21)
- God rules over humanity – the *godly* and the *ungodly*
  - Human rulers – *authorities* (Ex `11:9-10; Prov 21:1; Dan 4:28-37)
  - Human government – *powers* (Ps 2:1-12; John 19:10-11; Rom 13:1-7)
  - Human economics – *wealth* (Deut 8:17-18; Pr 3:9-10; Eccl 5:19; Isa 10:13-14; Jer 15:13; 20:5)
  - Human circumstances and events – *history* (Matt 5:45; 1 Ki 18; 2 Ki 19:32-36)
- God rules over the church (Matt 16:18; 1 Cor 12:11, 28; Eph 1:22; 4:4-6)

**God is in control of everything, including you and me!**

- Because God rules all, then I can:
  - Believe it completely (2 Tim 1:12; Phil 1:6)
  - Act accordingly (James 1:22-25; 1 Pet 2:12-17)
  - Live fearlessly (Phil 1:20-21; Rom 8:38-39; 14:8-9)

**A Question for 2009:**

Will I be more *influenced* in 2009 by the news and media and the challenges of life than I will by Scripture and the truth of God's rule over all?... OR.... Will I live fearlessly this year because *I know* that God is in control?