

“WHAT DOES GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY MEAN?”

A. INTRODUCTION TO GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY & MAN’S RESPONSIBILITY

B. IS MANKIND TOTALLY DEPRAVED?

C. IS SAVING FAITH GOD’S GIFT TO THE ELECT?

D. WHAT DOES GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY MEAN?

1. The DEFINITION of God’s Sovereignty

- a) In terms of *etymology*, our English word “sovereign” is derived from the Latin adjective “super,” meaning _____, _____, or _____.
- b) In terms of *usage*, the sovereignty of God is expressed in the Bible by such words as _____, _____, and _____ (Psalm 47:2, 103:19, 145:13). Thus the sovereignty of God means that God alone is the *eternal* and *supreme* _____ of the *universe*.
- c) In terms of *theology*, supreme sovereignty is the sole prerogative of God because He alone is _____ in His attributes and character.

* *What does this mean practically?*

2. The DETAILS of God’s Sovereignty

- a) God’s sovereignty means that He is completely _____ and _____ of anyone and anything in exercising His will. (Ps. 115:3; 135:6; Isa. 40:12-14; Rom. 9:20-21; 11:34-35)
- b) God’s sovereignty means that the exercise of His will is _____. (Job 42:2; Ps. 33:9-11; Isa. 14:24-27; 46:10; Dan. 4:35)
- c) God’s sovereignty is _____, extending to . . .
- . . . _____. (1 Sam. 2:6-8; Job 12:7-10; 14:5; Ps. 31:15; 139:16; James 4:14-15)
- . . . _____. (Deut. 32:8; Job 12:23; Ps. 22:28; Dan. 2:21; 4:25; Isa. 40:15-23; Acts 17:26; Rom. 13:1)

... _____ . (Gen. 1:1; Isa. 46:10-11; Matt. 5:45; 6:26, 30; Luke 8:22-25)

... _____ . (Job 1-2; Ps. 103:19-22; Col. 1:16)

... _____ . (Gen. 45:5-8; 50:20; Matt. 24:22; Acts 2:23; 4:27-28; 1 Pet. 1:18-19;
Rev. 13:8; 17:8)

** Are there any limits on what God can do?*

d) The existence of God's sovereign will and His omniscience have always been _____ .
(Ps. 139:2, 17-18; Isa. 46:9-10; Mal. 3:6; Acts 2:23; 1 Pet. 1:2)

** How does this help resolve the election issue?*

e) The exercise of God's sovereignty will result in _____ . (Rom. 11:36;
Eph. 1:4-6, 11-12, 13-14; Rev. 4:11)

** How does all of this apply to you?*