

## “DOES GOD SOVEREIGNLY CAUSE EVERYTHING?”

### 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. Some Unbiblical Calvinistic Conclusions Regarding God's Sovereignty

- a) God foreordained \_\_\_\_\_ through a single divine \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) God's sovereignty means that He \_\_\_\_\_ everything.
- c) People are “free” to choose \_\_\_\_\_ their greatest desire, and God puts this desire within them.

#### 2. The Biblical Balance Regarding God's Sovereignty

- a) God is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 1:31; James 1:13-14)
- b) Though God made intelligent creatures \_\_\_\_\_, He made us with the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ good or evil. (Gen. 2:16-17; Deut. 30:15, 19; Josh. 24:15; Rev. 22:17)
- c) God \_\_\_\_\_ sin in the universe because He desired a relationship with His intelligent creatures based on \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 14:23; 1 Cor. 9:17; Col. 3:22-23; 1 Peter 5:2)
- d) Though God does not \_\_\_\_\_ that people must sin, He \_\_\_\_\_ it (Matt. 19:7-8; Acts 14:16) and even \_\_\_\_\_ it into the fulfillment of His righteous purposes. (Job 1:11-12; Josh. 11:20; Judg. 9:23; 1 Sam. 16:14; 18:10; 19:9-10; 1 Kgs. 22:19-23; Isa. 45:7; 63:17; Rom. 11:7-8; Rev. 17:17)

\* *Does God override people's volitions by "hardening" their hearts? (John 12:39-40; Rom. 1:23-24, 28; 2 Thess. 2:11)*

\* *How do passages such as Proverbs 21:1 (cf. Ezra 1:1) and Philippians 2:12-13 fit?*

e) Though people are \_\_\_\_\_ but God determines the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Prov. 16:9; 19:21; 1 Cor. 16:7; Heb. 6:3; James 4:15)

\* *How does Acts 27 illustrate the balance between God's sovereignty and man's responsibility?*

\* *How does this relate Job 21:30; Prov. 16:4; Rom. 9:22; 1 Peter 2:8; Jude 1:4?*

\* *What will all of this result in? (Ps. 76:10)*