"THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD"

I. The Sovereignty of God DEFINED

- 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 ______, 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?
 - * What are some imbalances to avoid regarding the sovereignty of God?

II. The Sovereignty of God DELINEATED

The <u>extent</u> of God's sovereignty in the universe extends over . . .

a)	(1 Samuel 2:6-8)
b)	(Isaiah 40:15-23)
c)	(Psalm 115:3)
d)	(Matthew 5:45)
e)	(Psalm 103:20)
f)	(Job 1:6-12)
g)	(Genesis 45:5-8)

III. The Sovereignty of God DISPLAYED (Daniel 4:1-37)

A. The Sovereignty of God DECLARED by Nebuchadnezzar (4:1-3)

B. The Sovereignty of God DISCLOSED to Nebuchadnezzar (4:4-27)

C. The Sovereignty of God DISCOVERED by Nebuchadnezzar (4:28-37)

1. Nebuchadnezzar was king over the world empire of ______.

* What do we know about the greatness of this empire?

- 2. In the king's ______, he rejected the sovereignty of God over the Babylonian empire.
- 3. God humbled Nebuchadnezzar by causing him to go ______, until he knew that the "most High ______ in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever He wills."
- 4. King Nebuchadnezzar realized that the sovereignty of God is . . .

 - b)..._____. (v35)

* How did <u>Nebuchadnezzar</u> respond to the truth of God's Sovereignty? How are <u>you</u> responding?