The Sovereign God

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**Foundational Scripture:** 1 Tim. 6:15-16

**Intro**:

* There are numerous descriptions and illustrations of the attributes of God listed out in the bible from beginning to end. Common attributes of God we may tend to think about include His love, grace, patience, immortality, eternity, power etc. These are generally considered to be the more popular attributes and the ones most people know but the one attribute of God that is repeated endlessly throughout the bible is His Sovereignty. It is perhaps one of the least frequently talked about attributes of God.
* When we speak of the word “Sovereign” we may envision contexts of rulers, kings, authorities and so forth. To be sovereign simply means: **To be supreme in power; possessing supreme dominion.** We need to understand that at the most magnified level of a position, there is only one being that possesses supreme control over all things. His name is “Yahweh” (Jehovah God). There is only one God and He is the one and only Sovereign God (1 Tim. 6:15-16).

1. **What does it mean that God is Sovereign?**
   1. To say God is sovereign is to suggest that He exercises His supremacy over all things. God is infinitely higher and more powerful than the highest creature or person we can imagine. He is exalted above all and in Him there is absolute power and control.
   2. He is supremely independent and does exactly what He wants, when He wants and how He wants (Psa. 115:3; 135:5-6). He speaks and it is so, He cries out and all fall down in fear.
   3. This Sovereign God is not accountable to anyone or anything and neither is He pressured in such a way that we can get Him to bend at our will! His will cannot be changed on impulse by you and me or anyone else and we certainly would be fools to think we could stop Him (Job 42:2).
   4. The Sovereignty of God is a major theme stressed in the book of Daniel especially in contrast to arrogant, self-righteousness rulers who are of the mindset that the world revolves around them. Nebuchadnezzar was one such ruler who learned that God was the supreme ruler the hard way. (Dan. 4:34-37).
2. **What does God’s Sovereignty mean for Man?**
   1. Why is this subject important? Why should we bother to concern ourselves with this attribute of God? It is of necessity because He is ruler of all and we must align our will with His (Jn. 15:6).
   2. Since we know God does as He pleases, and He has established the principles and foundations for which we must live and abide in, then we must ensure that we understand the importance of this attribute.
   3. God is the Most-High and He rules in all the affairs of men. None are exempt from that fact. Therefore, we must learn to align ourselves with His will and only with His will. We cannot make God whatever we want Him to be (Isa. 45:9).
   4. God makes the rules, we must live according to them (Isa. 46:9-10; 55:10-11). For the people of God there is perhaps no attribute more comforting and encouraging that this one because God being the only Sovereign ultimately gives His children comfort.

**Conclusion:** The Sovereignty of God is an attribute that presents a two-fold idea throughout the bible (OT and NT). The God of the bible is so powerful, so awesome and very much in control that He gets to call the shots, He gets to do what He wants and He incites fear among all. And because of that idea, we must fall before Him in submission and humility recognizing that it is solely because of Him we are where we are today and if it wasn’t for His sovereignty, we would all be hopeless and helpless. The most powerful aspect here is the reality that God became (man), Jesus, and He died for us to be reconciled with the infallible, holy qualities of God that makes life worth-while. We are renewed to a relationship in which Heaven is home and God is seen face-to-face. Have you obeyed God’s word and committed your life to Him yet?