

1 Chronicles 29:11: "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all."

"The central point of the doctrine of providence is the stress on God's government of the universe. He rules His creation with absolute sovereignty and authority. He governs everything that comes to pass, from the greatest to the least. Nothing ever happens beyond the scope of His sovereign providential government. He makes the rain fall on the sun to shine." R.C. Sproul, Essential Truths of the Christian Faith, Providence, Ch. 20, Pg. 62

"What God creates, He also sustains. The universe is not only dependent upon God for its origin; it depends upon God for its continuity of existence. The universe can neither exist nor operate by its own power. God upholds all things by His power. It is in Him that we live, and move, and have our being." R.C. Sproul, Essential Truths of the Christian Faith, Providence, Ch. 20, Pg. 61

Point #2: God is sovereign over _____ and _____.

Daniel 2:20-21: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. 21) He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning."

Point #3: God is sovereign over _____.

Deuteronomy 32:39: "See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring

to life. I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

Point #4: God is sovereign over _____ and _____.

Psalms 103:20-21: "Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. 21) Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will."

Job 1:12: "The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger. Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD."

Point #5: God is sovereign over " _____."

Proverbs 16:33: "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD."

"Casting lots" involves the random selection or distribution of objects in order to make a choice uncontrolled and unbiased by the participants. In Israel it was typically performed "before the Lord" (see Josh. 18:8) in order to receive his direction. from the Lord. Not only the careful plans of the heart (Prov. 16:1, 9) but also the apparently random practice of casting lots falls under God's providential governance. On the question of whether Christians should make decisions in this way, see note on Acts 1:26." ESV Commentary, Proverbs 16:33

Acts 1:24-26: "Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen 25) to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." 26) Then

they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.”

How to Embrace God’s Sovereignty

1. I will trust God when I don't _____.

Psalm 9:10: “Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.”

2. I will seek God for _____ when the answers aren't clear.

James 1:5: “ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”

3. I will understand that _____ happen for _____ to those who love God.

Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Final Thoughts:

“One of the marks of spiritual maturity is the quiet confidence that God is in control – without the need to understand why He does what He does.” quotes.wordpress.com, sovereignty of God, anonymous

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Today’s Message: “Grippled by the Sovereignty of God”

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Introduction:

Sovereignty: Supreme _____, control, and _____.

What is the sovereignty of God? God has _____ control over all things, at all times, and all circumstances, are under _____.

Isaiah 46:10: “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.”

Psalm 135:6: “The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.”

Colossians 1:16: “For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.”

Point #1: God is sovereign over _____.

Psalm 103:19: “The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.”